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HEWITT JACK.

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FF. 604,591.

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Reference.....

MINUTE SHEETvol. 2. closed at serial 98b dated 28.5.52.

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5.6.52. Extract from F.O. letter re leakage to Daily Express of BURGESS letter. 99a

100.

6.6.52. Copy of letter to HEWIT's employer from F.O., in connection with BURGESS letter published in Express. 100a

101.

9.6.52. D.D.G. note re conversation with _____ on proposed article to be published in "Time" and "Life". 101a

102.

16 6.52 Extract from F.O. letter re Daily Express stunt 102a

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26.7.52. From S.B. re COX and HEWIT. 105a.

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29.7.52. To S.B. in reply to 105a. 106a

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9.8.52 Copy of B2 report on interview with _____ mentioning HEWIT 107a

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5.9.52. Note for the file re passing papers to Scotland Yard.

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8.9.52. Extract from copy of letter from Sinclair to Wisner.

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19.9.52. Copy of note re Reilly's visit.

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19.9.52. Copy of letter from Washington.

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27.9.52. B.2.A. note on enquiries made to trace HEWIT's present address prior to interview by S.B.

109a

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3.10.52. Copy of telecheck on BLUNDEN mentioning HEWIT

110z

7.10.51. Extract from telecheck on BLUNDEN

110a

7.10.52. Note by Mr. Skardon on Fred WARNER, Ment. HEWIT

110b

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8.10.52. Copy of telecheck on BLUNDEN, ment HEWIT

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8.10.52. Cutting from Daily Herald re HEWIT

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10.10.52. Note by Mr. Skardon on HEWIT

112a

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11.10.52. Ext. from telecheck on BLUNDEN, ment. HEWIT

113a

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11.10.52. Ext. from telecheck on BLUNDEN, ment. HEWIT

114a

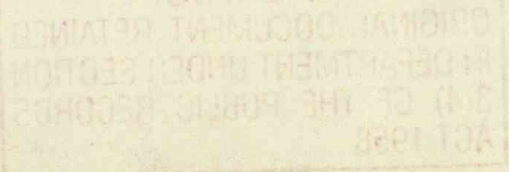
13.10.52. Note re HEWIT joining the army

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15.10.52. B.2.A. note re WARNER and HEWIT

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Reference

116

17.10.52.

Extract from telecheck on BLUNDEN, mentioning HEWIT

116a

October 52.

24.10.52

Draft brief for HEWIT interrogation.

116b

From the Foreign Office enclosing Scotland Yard report mentioning HEWIT's relations with BURGESS 116b

30.10.52

Note re the BURGESS recording

116c

31.10.52

Further to 116c

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117.

5.11.52.

Report on interview with HEWIT on 1.11.52.

117a

7.11.52.

117b

118.

12.11.52

Loose minute B2A/B2B re filing action on 117a

118a

119.

B.2. through B.2.B.*B.2B will see to X if this file is returned to him.*

I am not sure whether you have seen 117a. I agree with the first paragraph of page 5.

You will notice that M.I.11 are concerned about HEWIT's presence in the army and there is a suggestion that he might be posted overseas. I think that M.I.11 should be told that there is no security case against him and that we should have no objection to the posting. But I suggest that we ought to know where he is sent and that the Command concerned should be advised about him, in a formula drafted by us, just in case he again thinks of turning an honest penny from his connection with BURGESS. Before he leaves the country, he should be seen by Mr. Skardon under the auspices of the army and given a very strong warning about the trouble which he will get into if he tries any tricks of this kind again.

A good deal of cross referencing is needed from WARNER's P.F. in order to complete this file. As both are held here, I think that all the unsavoury documents ought to go on record in both.

B.2.A.
11.11.52

C.A.G. Simkins
C.A.G. Simkins

13.11.52

Copy of letter to SLO Washington re WARNER

119b

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[OVER]

120.

B.2.A.*Cond
14/11*

I agree with your proposals in Minute 119, and should like to see your formula when drafted.

J. C. Robertson
J. C. Robertson.

B.2.

14.11.52.

121.

B.2.B.

Reference X of Minute 119.

See "8 on { I assume that in addition to such registry action as is required on this report, you will be making further enquiries where necessary about the associates of BURGESS who are mentioned - for example Hugh CHISHOLM who (if this has not already been done) ought to be fully identified, and his present whereabouts and employment established. Please consider also whether, in the light of Para.1 on Page 3 of 117a, KLIBULL ought now to be located and questioned. My understanding is that we have up till now regarded him as no more than a homosexual friend of BURGESS, and as of no intelligence interest. Can you suggest why (Page 4) BURGESS had to "take to his heels" in 1938?

B.1 may be interested in the fact that Professor BERNAL was one of the regular visitors at the Bentinck Street address.

J. C. Robertson
J. C. Robertson.

B.2.

14.11.52.

122.

20.11.52

~~Draft letter to M.I.11 re HEWIT~~*Replaced by 124a*

122

*D.G.W.
21/11*

123.

D.B. through B.2.

Please see at serial 122a a draft letter which I propose to send to M.I.11 about HEWIT.

M.I.11's assistance was enlisted in locating HEWIT and, as recorded by Mr. Skardon at 112a and 117a (last para), they are uneasy about having him in the army. This is more because of his moral character than on security grounds.

Yard

The Scotland/view is that it would be unfortunate if HEWIT were discharged because of his past immorality, and our position must obviously be that this is something which the army must decide for themselves. But I think we owe them a reassurance from the security point of view.

The draft is not intended to clear HEWIT for all purposes from the point of view of security. We should not, I think, be glad to see him employed in secret work.

C. A. G. Simkins
C. A. G. Simkins

B.2.A.

20.11.52

C. A. G. Simkins

MINUTE SHEET

Reference.....

124

24.11.52.

To M.1.11. re HEWIT being posted overseas.

124a

125

24.11.52.

B2A loose minute to B.1.E. re 124a.

125a

126

26.11.52.

To H.Q. Eastern Command asking to be informed of HEWIT's movements.

126a

127

2.12.52.

B2A Loose minute to B.1.E. enclosing minute from Rumbold.

127a

128

2.12.52.

has been added to P. 604,900.
~~Gross reference of teletype material mentioning Michael WOODS.~~

128a

129

12.52.

From H.Q. Eastern Command re HEWIT

129a

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20.1.53.

To H.Q. Eastern Command re HEWIT

130a

26.2.53.

From War Office re HEWIT

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6.3.53.

Copy of minute on FF. 604529 BURGESS ment. HEWIT.

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Minute 132 copied to PF 816,826.
 132. *W.F.S. This certainly ought to be cleared up 26/3/53*

B.2.A. Mr. Skardon, through B.2. and B.2.B. Mr. Reed. *26/3*

There is still one outstanding question involving HEWIT which and I think should be resolved.

You will remember that at his Special Branch interrogation HEWIT disclosed the circumstances concerning the publication of BURGESS' letter in the Daily Express and admitted forging a letter from BURGESS to Fred WARNER, which he also handed over to the Daily Express. At the same time he produced to this newspaper a copy of a letter which he (HEWIT) stated that he sent to Brian HOWARD on 9th May, 1952. It is clear that HEWIT produced this letter to support the story he gave to the Daily Express concerning BURGESS' letter which they published. The Daily Express, however, appear to have made no use of HEWIT's letter to Brian HOWARD and HEWIT himself was not asked about it at his Special Branch interrogation.

In this letter HEWIT has written the following sentence: "What I want you to tell me, is, why you were intending to denounce D.M. last year". D.M. is presumably Donald MACLEAN.

We know from BURGESS' correspondence that Brian HOWARD was well acquainted with HEWIT through BURGESS. It is therefore conceivable that HOWARD wrote to HEWIT after the disappearance and that HEWIT replied. (We certainly have on record a letter of HOWARD's written to BURGESS after the disappearance). What we want to be sure about is whether HOWARD did actually write to HEWIT mentioning that he intended to denounce MACLEAN in 1951. If he did, then it seems that at some stage we should interview HOWARD to find out the reasons for his proposed denunciation.

Our view is that HEWIT should be seen and asked for an explanation of the above matter. The letter in question is filed in an envelope in front of Serial 114b in HEWIT's file.

A. F. Burbidge
 A. F. Burbidge.

B.2.B.
 25.3.53.

Original in PF. 604,591.
 Copies in: PF. 64,371.
 PF. 604,558.

133.

B.2.B. Mr. Burbidge.
 (through B.2.)

and you will have to possess yourselves in patience until the completion of the LUBSZYNSKI case, for I have more work than I can cope with before Easter and am under positive instructions to keep myself wholly free for LUBSZYNSKI afterwards.

I suggest you B.F. later.

B.2.A.
 27.3.53.

W. J. Skardon
 W. J. Skardon.

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PF 604529 BURGESS
Copy to PF 604591 HEWIT.
PF 68028 KLIBULL

440.

B.2. through B.2.B./Mr. Reed.

With reference to serial 427b.

I must apologise for the delay which has ensued since minute 121 in HEWIT's file was written. It is due to the time taken to make the various enquiries resulting from HEWIT's interrogation.

The contacts of BURGESS mentioned by HEWIT fall into two groups, those already known to us and those who are new. Of the former only two in B.2.B. opinion warranted further action.

(a) Hugh CHISHOLM, about whom we have now enquired of the F.B.I (436a). The F.B.I. reply (438z) does not suggest that he warrants further investigation. You may incidentally wish to see the particulars of him at serial 436za.

(b) Jorgen KLIBULL. He was last located as a member of the Danish Embassy in Washington. Our enquiries (see 23a in PF 68028 attached) show that he returned to Denmark from the U.S.A. at the end of November last year. However, I pursued these enquiries purely as a means of locating KLIBULL and, on reflection, I am not convinced that what HEWIT has said about his "highly secretive" conversations with BURGESS alters our impression of him or renders him of real security interest. In any case, if KLIBULL is to be interviewed on this, it would be preferable that a Security Service officer undertook the /questioning

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questioning, so that the only course open to us is to make enquiries (presumably of M.I.6.) to find out when KLIXBULL next intends visiting the U.K. Perhaps you would let me know if you agree to this course of action. It is worth bearing in mind that KLIXBULL may now be a member of the Danish foreign service.

Of the contacts HEWIT mentioned who were previously unknown to us, Zulfikel BUKHARI and Jamil JASSIL, neither appears to be of any real security interest and neither have traces in this office.

The reason BURGESS "took to his heels", as HEWIT described it, in 1938, was that he travelled to Paris on behalf of M.I.6. and remained there on their business for a short period.

The extract concerning Professor BERNAL has been brought to the notice of the B.I. officer concerned.

All the necessary extracts from the HEWIT report have now been made.

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B.2.B.
8.3.53.


A. F. Burbidge.

PF.604,591/B.I.E/RGIE/A

CONFIDENTIAL

ROOM 055,

WAR OFFICE,

S.W.1.

OFFICER I/C.

R.A.(Field) Records: Foots Cray, Sidcup, Kent.

No.: 22810193

Name: Bombadier HEWIT, J.P.

Regiment or Corps: 48 Field Regiment, R.A.



It would be appreciated if this branch could be informed of the above-named soldier's present rank, unit, and where possible, location. For your reply please use the space provided below.

Please also supply release address or date due for release, whichever is applicable.

Peggie Branthwaite
for Lieut.-Col.

23.2.53.

M.I.5.

REPLY:—(Not to be detached from above.)

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
ROOM 055, WAR OFFICE, S.W.1.

The above-named soldier is serving in the rank of

A/Bdr in the *48 Field Regt*

at present stationed at *Rinkee Mcmunn Barracks Colchester Essex*

Date due for release 14-9-55

Date *24.2.53***CONFIDENTIAL**

Officer i/c
Records.

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ENCL

24 FEB 1953

TO

*PA. R. 604501**Held B2*

Held 12/3/53
until then data
7/3/53

130a

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PF.604,591/B.I.E/RCIE/A

20 January, 1953.

ISR/301

Dear

22810193 Bde. HEWIT J.P. - R.A.

Please refer to your letter of 15 December, 1952.

No special precautions are necessary, but should he come to notice in any subversive connection would you please let me know.

There is no objection to HEWIT being employed as a clerk in the Regimental Office.

Yours

R. G. I. Elliott.

Major G. V. O.'B. Adams,
Headquarters,
Eastern Command,
Hounslow,
Middlesex.

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RCIE/PSB

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828/35/E

From: Major G.V.O'B. Adams

820/10

Tele: HOUNslow 2371
Exn 201HEADQUARTERS,
EASTERN COMMAND,
HOUNSLOW, MX.

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PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL

ENCL

16 DEC 1952
TO ~~BT~~ B2A

Ref: ISR/301

Dec 52

Dear

REF PF 604591

Held 82

22810193 Bde HEWIT J.P. RA

Reference your PF.604591 of 26 Nov 52.

Hewit's Commanding Officer is anxious to know whether it is considered necessary for any special precautions to be taken to ensure that any subversive activities which he might carry on within the Regiment are brought to light or whether any such special precautions are necessary.

He was employed as a clerk in the Regimental Office but is now employed elsewhere.

Have you any objection to his being employed as a clerk in the Regimental Office ?

Yours

signed
Mal Adams

R.G.I.Elliott Esq.,
 Box 500,
 Parliament Street B.O.,
 London, S.W.1.

DCM

B. E. / Mr Elliott.

As you know, we
 have no objection to his
 employment - *ref*

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 5/2/53

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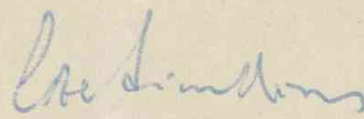
LOOSE MINUTEB.1.E/Mr. Elliot

3/12.

You should see this minute from Rumbold.

I do not think we should ourselves arrange for an inter-unit posting, but doubtless we shall hear from your link if HEWIT applies for one, in which case it might be facilitated.

B.2.A.
2.12.52



C.A.G. Simkins

B26/127
16.12.52

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607/35/E

Reference MI 11/1955/814

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B2A (LAP)

M.I.5 (Mr. Simkins)
-----End
29/11John Park HEWIT

Reference your PF. 604,591 dated 24 Nov 52.

Hewit's unit is 48 Field Regiment RA. Colchester.

The suggestion that he should be posted overseas arose on account of a rumour that Hewit had applied to go to Korea. No such application has been received by his unit. Furthermore, I got the impression that his several visits to Scotland Yard may have "blown" him in his present unit and he would thus find it all the more difficult to start a new life, if that is in fact what he wants to do.

May I suggest that we leave it to the Link to advise us in accordance with present circumstances. The Link can, if necessary, arrange an inter-unit posting. We see no reason to post him overseas out of his turn unless Hewit so wishes; this again can be arranged by the Link. If and when he does get posted overseas, if the Link would let us know, we shall certainly arrange the interview with Scardon, as suggested by you.

ENCL. _____

26 NOV 1952

TO B2A.
REF PF 604,591.

Held B2

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel.
M.I. 11
15 Nov 52.

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PF.604,591/B.I.E/RGIE/A

26th November 1952.

Dear Val,

22810193 Bombadier HEWIT, J.P., R.A.
48. Field Regiment R.A.

For many years HEWIT was a close friend of the now notorious Guy BURGESS, one of the two missing diplomats. In view of this long association his record has been reviewed, and the conclusion reached is that whatever the grounds for BURGESS's disappearance may prove to be, HEWIT himself is not of security significance.

As HEWIT was a close friend of BURGESS he naturally has not escaped the attention of the press. He unwisely attempted to exploit their curiosity, with the result that he came to the unfavourable notice of the authorities. When taxed, he made a full confession of the deceptions in which he had indulged.

I should be glad if you would pass a brief resume of this information to HEWIT's present Commanding Officer, asking him to let me know as soon as HEWIT is posted to another unit, and at the same time let me have details of this unit. I ask you to do this as we are anxious to keep track of HEWIT's movements in case some new development makes us want to see him.

Yours



R. G. I. Elliott.

Major G.V.O'B Adams,
 Headquarters,
 Eastern Command,
 Hounslow.
 RGIE/PSB

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 2.12.52.

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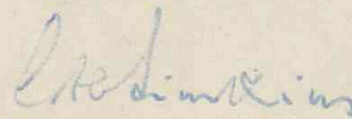
LOOSE MINUTEB.1.E.

You kindly said you would take action in accordance with paragraph four of my letter to Rumbold which is attached. I suggest that our links should be given paragraphs two and three.

HEWIT is in a unit at Colchester, but I regret to say that our file does not show which it is. I have asked Rumbold to let us know.

I am sending this minute loose, as the file is not circulated outside B.2.A.

B.2.A.
24.11.52



C.A.G. Simkins

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FF.604,591/B2A/CAGS

24th November 1952.

Dear

John Park HEWIT

You recently helped Special Branch and ourselves by discovering the whereabouts of No.22810193 Bombardier HEWIT, and arranging for him to attend interviews at Scotland Yard and with Mr. Skardon.

HEWIT was for many years a close friend of the now notorious Guy BURGESS, one of the two missing diplomats. In view of this long association, his record has been reviewed and the conclusion reached is that whatever the grounds for BURGESS's disappearance may prove to be, HEWIT himself is not of security significance.

As a close friend of BURGESS, HEWIT naturally has not escaped the attentions of the press. He unwisely attempted to exploit their curiosity, with the result that he came to the unfavourable notice of the authorities. When taxed, he made a full confession of the deceptions in which he had indulged.

We understand that you think it may be desirable to post HEWIT overseas. We see no objection to this, but we propose to make arrangements for his whereabouts to be notified from time to time in case some new development makes us want to see him. We also propose to inform the Command concerned, through our link, of the interest which has been taken in HEWIT. Could you very kindly let us know what unit HEWIT belongs to at Colchester, so that we can brief our link in Eastern Command?

You may think that it would be advisable for HEWIT to be given a strong warning before he leaves this country about the trouble he will get into if he makes any further attempt to capitalise on his association with BURGESS. This caution could be administered by Mr. Skardon, and would gain in authority if delivered in front of a War Office representative.

Yours sincerely,

C.A.G.

C.A.G. Simkins

Lt. Col. A.G. Rumbold M.C.,
M.I.11.,
The War Office.

CAGS/PL

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COPY ON PF. 604,591 HEWIT ✓

PF. 604,585/B2A/CAGS
PF. 95

13th November 1952.

Dear Geoffrey,

Please refer to our letter of October 6th about WARNER, and in particular paragraphs 1 to 4 on page 2.

Scotland Yard have completed the enquiry which they undertook at the request of the Foreign Office. The result is to clear WARNER's moral character completely and to endorse our clearance of him from the security point of view. The proposed "Time and Life" article is in fact based on lies told by HEWIT (who has made a full confession) to a Daily Express reporter. These lies reached "Time and Life" by channels which are not yet identified.

For your information, "C" has written to this effect to C.I.A. (Wisner). If the Bureau returns to the charge, the reply suggested in our above-mentioned letter can therefore be made with enhanced confidence. There is no objection to your adding that recent enquiries (carried out by the Police) have disposed of the allegation of homosexuality.

Yours sincerely,

Ans.

Anthony Simkins

G.T.D. Patterson Esq.,
The British Embassy,
Washington.

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Reference..... PF. 604,591

LOOSE MINUTEB.2.B/A.F.B. 17/11

Please speak. I will have the third copy cut for P.A. in the files of the persons dealt with, but will pass the extracts through you and leave you to deal with CHISHOLM and HUNTER. Do you think the Bentinck Street extract should be copied to the files of all those mentioned?

We will, of course, deal with M.I.11.

I intend to write to Patterson about the results of S.B's enquiries.

C.A.G. Simkins

B.2.A.
10.11.52

C.A.G. Simkins

B2a/CAAS

We spoke 17/11.

When the filed report is sent to B2b we shall deal with Chisholm Hunter.

We should like the Bentinck St. extract copied to
* / the files of all the persons mentioned - incl. Bechal.

B2b. 12/11.

Bentinck

P.L.
Pence note
X

R.5. DEW
18.12.52.

COPY

For: P.F. 604,591 (HEWITT)

Original filed in: P.F. 604,585 (WARNER) Ser. 59a.

R. Form 4/5000/11.49

~~B.2.~~ ^{10/11}
B.2.A.
 B.2.B (A.F.S.) *for Me*

S9A

I showed this letter to the D.G. this morning and he approved the contents of the draft letter from 'C' to General Wisner. I subsequently rang Steedman and gave him our clearance.

D.B.
 7.11.52. D.G. White.



TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL

With the compliments of
Mr. D. P. Reilly

6th November, 1952

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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Sir P. Sillitoe

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

5th November, 1952

PERSONAL AND TOP SECRET

The Secretary of State, after discussion with the Lord Chancellor, has now agreed that you should briefly inform Wisner of the results of the very full investigation which has taken place into the allegations made in the draft article for Time/Life which Wisner sent you with his letter of the 21st August. I therefore enclose the draft of a letter from you to Wisner.

You will see that in the second paragraph of this draft we ask Wisner to disclose the names of the British sources of the information on which the draft article was based. We do not think it very likely that C.I.A. will disclose these names, but we attach considerable importance to asking for them and we consider that we are fully entitled to do so in order that we may thoroughly complete our investigation.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sillitoe with whom you may care to have a word before you despatch the letter to Wisner.

(D. P. Reilly)

"C"

November, 1952

SECRET

Letter to
F. Wisner, Esq.,
C.I.A.

From "C"

Copy to go in
draft also to
Sir P. Sillitoe

Further to my letter of the 5th September about an article connected with the Burgess and Maclean case, I can now tell you that the Foreign Office have had a thorough investigation made. This proves conclusively that the allegations in this article are without foundation. The story referred to in the article is, in fact, based on lies told by Hewit (who has made a full confession) to the "Daily Express" reporter Seaman. The investigation also establishes beyond doubt that the allegations concerning F. A. Warner are totally untrue and that he is entirely cleared both in regard to his political reliability and his moral character.

The results of the enquiries which have been made suggest that the story may have originated with the "Time and Life" office in London. Consideration was therefore given to interviewing the head of this office, but the idea was abandoned since we did not wish to compromise the information which you passed on to us. However, in order that our investigation may be completed we should be most grateful if you would now let us know the names of the British sources of the information on which the article enclosed in your letter was based.

I also enclose for your information comment made by the Security Service on certain points of detail in the article.

DETAILED COMMENTS ON ARTICLE ENTITLED
"THE BURGESS-MACLEAN CASE" BY A U.S. JOURNALIST

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- a) Neither BURGESS nor MACLEAN has been identified by British agents as being in Prague.
- b) The money involved was relayed to Mrs. DUNBAR, Mrs. MACLEAN's mother (though admittedly intended for Mrs. MACLEAN). It was paid into the Swiss banks concerned in cash, thus precluding any "tracing eastwards".

Page 2. para 2)

Passports were required by BURGESS and MACLEAN on the steamer to St. Malo which was running on a regular service. BURGESS and MACLEAN had their passports with them.

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BURGESS was not, so far as we know, constantly making pro-Communist remarks.

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HEWIT was certainly closely questioned after the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN.

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It is far from true that the Foreign Office refused to entertain doubts as to WARNER's loyalty. As a result of enquiries made by the Security Service from a review of the evidence disclosed in connection with BURGESS and MACLEAN, the Security Service concluded that there was nothing to be held against WARNER from the Security point of view. They could not, however, express a view upon his possible homosexuality.

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MACLEAN can hardly be said to be linked to Jack HEWIT. There is no evidence in the Security Service files to show that the two were acquainted.

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Interview with Jack HEWIT on 1.11.52.

1. I saw HEWIT for a short time on the 27th October, at New Scotland Yard, after he had been interviewed by Commander Burt. He said that he was quite prepared to help the authorities in every possible way, but added that he doubted whether he had anything to add to the information provided at the three previous interviews ending with the one at Room 055 with Mr. A.S. Martin and me together. It must be said that HEWIT in uniform creates a far more favourable impression than he did when I saw him on previous occasions. He claimed that he had given a good deal of thought to the activities of BURGESS without recalling anything that would appear to place him in an unfavourable light vis-a-vis the security authorities. It was not convenient to prolong this interview on the 27th October and we arranged to meet at Room 055 on the 1st November to go fully into the story, and in the meantime HEWIT promised to direct his mind objectively towards these matters with the view of proffering the maximum information.

2. On the 1st November, 1952, I saw HEWIT as arranged at Room 055, War Office. I went through the history of his association with BURGESS commencing from the time of his introduction to him at a party given by Tom WYLIE, the Resident Clerk at the War Office, in 1937 up to the day of BURGESS's disappearance. I hope in this report though to avoid useless repetition and will attempt to provide only such information as is additional to the earlier interview reports and to the statements taken more recently by Commander Burt of Special Branch.

3. Pre-War and War Years.

3. HENLEIN. BURGESS quickly arranged for HEWIT to visit him at Chester Square. At this time HEWIT was living in at the Goring Hotel where he was employed as a telephone operator. In the course of conversation HEWIT mentioned to BURGESS that HENLEIN, who was in this country in connection with the Saar trouble, was staying at the Goring Hotel. BURGESS enquired for the names of HENLEIN's visitors and he asked HEWIT whether he had heard anything on the telephone. HEWIT was far too busy to listen in to conversations, which in any case were conducted principally in German, and he was unable to give BURGESS any sort of report on that subject. BURGESS however was very interested to learn that among HENLEIN's visitors was Randolph CHURCHILL. The hotel was besieged by newspaper reporters and HEWIT was instructed by the management to reply to all questions saying that HENLEIN was not available.

4. Hugh CHISHOLM.

An American and a visitor at least once to Chester Square. HEWIT particularly remembers the visit of this individual, for BURGESS had told him that his mother was coming to the flat and suggested that he might go out. He went to a theatre with Tom WYLIE, and on his return found Hugh CHISHOLM and BURGESS together. He thought at the time that it was rather odd that BURGESS had lied to obtain his absence from the flat, but is unable to provide any further information to suggest that this was a sinister contact.

5. Jack HUNTER.

An American friend whom BURGESS knew at Cambridge. HEWIT formed the view that the association was based upon homosexual attractions, or as he put it had a romantic beginning, but the friendship was continued on an intellectual basis.

6. [Goronwy REES (FF.604583).]

He was a regular visitor to the Chester Square flat and went on being friendly with BURGESS for years. HEWIT recalls that there were many occasions when he found BURGESS and REES together and he was asked to leave them alone to continue their conversation, perhaps for half an hour. He would not necessarily assume for this reason alone that the relationship was a sinister one, but it did have aspects for which he could not provide any other explanation.

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7. Wolfgang PUTLITZ. (PF.48846)

This German diplomat was, so HEWIT believes, persuaded by BURGESS to give up his natural loyalty and throw in his lot with the British. HEWIT recalls that PUTLITZ aided by BURGESS went to the U.S.A. sometime in 1938. Towards the end of 1938 HEWIT was persuaded to go with Christopher ISHERWOOD on a trip to Brussels. They were together there for some two or three months and during this time ISHERWOOD was engaged in making certain arrangements, it is believed on BURGESS's behalf, to enable a man named Willy SCHNEIDER to join PUTLITZ in the U.S.A. In Brussels ISHERWOOD tried to persuade HEWIT to go to Berlin, but since HEWIT would not go he is not quite sure of the reason for the trip. ISHERWOOD himself was not permitted to travel to Germany, and eventually AUDEN carried out the mission.

8. Gerald HAMILTON. (PF.161/39)

HEWIT met HAMILTON in Brussels, and BURGESS said that he was a very dangerous man and HEWIT was not to meet him again or bring him to BURGESS's address. He told HEWIT never to discuss him (BURGESS) with HAMILTON, and in describing him as untrustworthy said that he was the cause of Roger CASEMENT's downfall.

9. W. H. AUDEN (PF.63329)

He had a flat in Brussels whilst ISHERWOOD and HEWIT were there at the end of 1938, and a large number of people came over for Christmas. HEWIT has not seen AUDEN since 1938/39.

10. Christopher ISHERWOOD (PF.42415)

Came back to this country in 1946 when HEWIT did meet him and they went together to Glebe Place to see Gerald HAMILTON.

11. Chester Square.

BURGESS had some sort of lease on one flat at this address and he gave it up about 1939 or 1940 when the owner was proceeding to America and wanted to sell the house.

12. Bentinck Street.

This was a maisonette on the first floor with 7 rooms and 3 bathrooms. The normal occupants of the flat were Anthony BLUNT, Guy BURGESS, Tess MAYER, Pat RAWDON-SMITH (later Mrs. LLEWELYN DAVIES), Jack HEWIT and Richard LLEWELLYN DAVIES. HEWIT says that Pat RAWDON-SMITH, whom he had first met at Chester Square, was very politically minded. Among the visitors to this address were [Prof. BERNARD] [Isaiah BERLIN] KESSLER and REVAL. During the war David FOOTMAN and Kim PHILBY were very friendly with the group at Bentinck Street, and there was a regular weekly dinner party held at Garibaldi's in Soho which would be attended by PHILBY, [Tomas HARRIS] BURGESS, BLUNT, HEWIT, Tess MAYER and Pat RAWDON-SMITH. P-604643.

13. Post-War Period.

During this time BURGESS was living at 10 New Bond Street. HEWIT however at the end of the war in 1945 proceeded to Germany with the services, and was working under Ronnie HAYLOR at G.S.I.B., B.A.O.R., Bad Oeynhausen, till the end of March 1946. HEWIT then returned to England and after demobilisation went back to Germany with E.N.S.A. until September 1946. Early in 1947 HEWIT went to India for a year, and accordingly between the end of the war until 1948 there was only casual contact between BURGESS and himself. Their "romantic association" had concluded years earlier.

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14 Jorgen KLIxBULL (PF.68028).

Stayed at Bond Street with BURGESS, for an extended period. This Dane, who was serving with the British Forces in R.A.C. and probably attached to M.I.6, formed a terrific attachment to BURGESS, and around 1945 HEWIT would say that KLIxBULL would have a clearer idea of BURGESS's political beliefs than anybody else. At the end of the war KLIxBULL went to Tanganyika with Robin MAUGHAM and later returned to Denmark after a short stay in London. There were many highly secretive conversations between KLIxBULL and BURGESS.

15 Zulfikal BUKHARI.

Whilst in India HEWIT met this Muslim who had been a great friend of BURGESS at the B.B.C. By this time BUKHARI was the Director of Broadcasting in Pakistan, and in conversation he asked HEWIT the question, "Is Guy still waving the flag?" HEWIT without clearly understanding the question replied, in what he thought to be an ambiguous way, by saying, "Yes, two."

16 Fred WARNER (PF.604585).

After WARNER had assaulted BURGESS, HEWIT was asked by Mrs. BASSETT to take up residence at 10 New Bond Street. HEWIT is aware that BURGESS recuperated firstly in Ireland and later by taking a trip to Gibraltar with his mother, and knows that he was carpeted by the Foreign Office for indiscretions in Tangier.

17 Andrew REVAI, (PF.55570).

BURGESS and REVAI were very thick at one time and BURGESS was introduced to the "Friends of Hungary" by REVAI. Their relationship was of an intellectual character and might often be described as secretive. The time came however when BURGESS cooled off, saying that he found REVAI a bore, and thereafter REVAI and Anthony BLUNT became friendly, a friendship which persists to the present day.

18 4th May and 25th May, 1951.

Upon BURGESS's return to England from the U.S.A., HEWIT met him at Waterloo Station. Anthony BLUNT was also there. BURGESS and BLUNT drove off together, leaving HEWIT to take the luggage to the flat. He unpacked BURGESS's belongings for him but did not see BURGESS again till that night. During this period, since HEWIT was working at Head, Wrightson & Co., he saw very little of BURGESS during the daytime. BURGESS was in a highly nervous condition throughout the period, and was always under the influence of drugs. He took sleeping tablets at night, and benzedrine tablets in the morning to off-set the effect of the sleeping tablets. He was drinking heavily. After about a week Bernard MILLER turned up at the flat. He was living at the Green Park Hotel. During the early days of his return HEWIT knows that BURGESS rang Lady MACLEAN on the telephone asking for Donald MACLEAN's address, saying that he had a message for him from Alan MACLEAN. HEWIT recalls that during the second week of this period BURGESS told him that a married friend of his was in trouble and that he was trying to help him. Except that BURGESS was making all sorts of plans for the future, HEWIT gained no sort of hint of BURGESS's intentions, and was completely surprised at his disappearance.

During the period BURGESS was absent from the flat for a night or two whilst spending a weekend with Peter POLLOCK, but there was no other significant absence.

19 BURGESS's Financial Position.

Throughout their acquaintanceship HEWIT found BURGESS always to be badly off for money. In spite of this he always ran a car and drank and smoked, and HEWIT always supposed that the truth was that Mrs. BASSETT

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frequently came to his assistance. HEWIT saw nothing at any time to suggest that BURGESS was more affluent than at others, although whilst he (HEWIT) was clearing out a wardrobe at Chester Square, he found 200 or 300 dollars in this piece of furniture. During the period before BURGESS's departure for the United States of America in 1950, someone working at Bond Street found about £100 tucked away in some clean laundry. In the same sort of way HEWIT found £200 to £300 in £1 notes in a buff envelope in the sealed Embassy box addressed to BURGESS on his return from the U.S.A. in May 1951. There were also £60 or £70 worth of saving certificates which BURGESS took with him to the U.S.A., brought back with him, and which disappeared at the same time as BURGESS himself.

20 Papers and Documents.

HEWIT claims that BURGESS was so notoriously untidy in his affairs that had he been engaged in any truly subversive activity some evidence must have been found about the house. BURGESS hardly ever wrote letters but he always kept every piece of paper coming into his possession. Although from time to time he had a drawer in a desk which he locked, he as frequently left it open and there was no place in any of the flats which was sacred to BURGESS and not accessible to HEWIT. He mentioned, as typical of BURGESS's general untidiness, that when he was departing for the U.S.A. HEWIT visited his room at Foreign Office and saw BURGESS empty the whole of the contents of his office desk into a brief-case without any kind of sorting. It is true however that BURGESS consistently kept his official brief-case locked throughout the time that he was in Government employment.

21 BURGESS's Travels.

HEWIT is not sure whether BURGESS had ever been to the U.S.S.R. During 1938 at Easter time something happened to BURGESS which made him take to his heels, and he lived at the Ritz Hotel in Paris for something over two months. HEWIT went over to see him whilst he was there, and among BURGESS's acquaintances in Paris he recalled particularly [Edouard PFEIFFER (PF.604588)] and a young half-Pole half-Arab named Jamil JASSIL. HEWIT recalled BURGESS's trip to Turkey to stay with Kim PHILBY, and particularly remembered that BURGESS had been delighted to have had a holiday which did not cost him anything. He had been very well entertained by PHILBY and PHILBY's friends in Turkey.

HEWIT of course is also aware of the trips to Gibraltar and Tangier, and to the U.S.A., and he believed that early in the war BURGESS set off for China or Japan but was unsure about how far he actually went.

22 Other Personal Contacts.

These included [James POPE-HENNESSY (PF.604854)] a brilliant young writer who formed a romantic attachment for BURGESS during the war. This ended when POPE-HENNESSY threatened to shoot BURGESS, and HEWIT believes that he had some treatment following his outburst from a psychiatrist. There was another American friend named "Bobbie" who went to Eton with BURGESS, but more particulars about him are not available.

Bobbie GRANT.

23 Conclusions.

From 1937 till 1951, though the relationship between HEWIT and BURGESS was spasmodic, there were long periods of time during which they were more than usually closely associated with each other. HEWIT feels confident that had BURGESS been engaged in any sort of subversive activity he would have recognised it. In fact he has no suggestion to make along these lines at all.

At the same time, whatever HEWIT may think, I would say that it is pretty clear that BURGESS would never have treated him as a fellow intellectual, and it is unlikely that he would have regarded him as a suitable confidante for any particular secrets. The mere fact that HEWIT saw nothing therefore, makes no positive contribution to this enquiry.

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On the other hand I believe that he is being quite sincere in making this statement and therefore has no useful contribution to make to our researches.

He is now in the army and as stated elsewhere M.I.11 are not very happy about this. The Scotland Yard view, as one might expect, is that it would be unfortunate if he were to be discharged simply because his presence in the army had been uncovered as the result of the WARNER enquiry. I am sure that at some time M.I.11 would be glad to receive some note from us assuring them that HEWIT is of no security interest. I am aware that this is not the prime worry of M.I.11, who are more anxious lest the press discover that this rather undesirable person is serving in H.M. Forces. So soon as we are able to say that we have no interest in retaining HEWIT in this country, it is possible that M.I.11 will arrange a posting for him, probably to the Middle East Command.

B.2.A.
5.11.52.


W. J. Skardon.

P.A. PF.604591 - HEWIT.

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D.B.

Please see Mr. Burbidge's note of 30.10.52.

I think we ought to do all we can to get the book in question - short of drawing the attention of HEWIT to its existence, and to the possibilities which it might offer for profit to unscrupulous persons. I would recommend therefore that Mrs. BASSETT should be asked about it, but I think it might be unwise to mention it to HEWIT. May I have your views?

B.2.
31.10.52.


(signed) J. C. Robertson.

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B.2., through B.2.A./Mr. Simkins.

The recent interest in the BURGESS recording raises the following points:-

BURGESS mentions in the recording that at his interview with Churchill in 1938 he was given a copy of Churchill's speeches with the following inscription by the author "To Guy Burgess from Winston Churchill to confirm his admirable sentiments, Munich, September 1938". You may remember that at the time we received the recording, (November 1951) we made enquiries of S.L.O. Washington, [redacted] and [redacted] as to the possibility of locating the book.

S.L.O. Washington replied that both he and the Foreign Office Regional Security Officer in the United States were fairly certain that BURGESS could not have left the book in the New York flat at which he stayed immediately prior to his departure for the U.K. on the 1st May 1951.

[redacted] stated that he had been shown the book and the inscription by BURGESS on the morning following the party at which the recording was made. [redacted] commented that he was sure that BURGESS had taken the book with him, i.e. aboard the Queen Mary and to the U.K.

The Security Service did not become aware of the existence of the book until after the search had been made for evidence relating to BURGESS' departure, which took place in BURGESS' New Bond Street flat on the 7th June 1951. During this search the Security Service officers concerned noticed a number of BURGESS' books, but did not bring any away.

The present whereabouts of the book in question is therefore not known, but in my opinion is likely to be in one of three places:-

- a. With BURGESS, wherever he is.
- b. Amongst BURGESS' possessions which were removed

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from the New Bond Street flat when the latter was given up by HEWIT. We do not know where these possessions are but it seems likely that HEWIT gave them into the custody of either Mrs. Bassett (BURGESS' mother) or some other friend of BURGESS'.

c. With HEWIT who may well have appropriated certain of BURGESS' possessions after his disappearance or at the time of his (HEWIT's) departure from the New Bond Street flat. I feel that the Security Service may have some responsibility in the matter of retrieving this book owing to the uses to which it might be put in the hands of unscrupulous persons. I would suggest therefore that Mrs. Bassett be asked what happened to those possessions of BURGESS' which were left behind after his disappearance when HEWIT gave up the lease of the flat, several months after June 1951. If Mrs. Bassett has all the property, she might be willing to allow us access to it. We should specify that we wish to look amongst his books. If this fails to produce the book we might also consider asking HEWIT whether he has it or whether he knows what has become of it. Having tried these two lines, I feel that we shall have done all that is possible towards retrieving the book.

The Security Service did not become aware of the existence of the book until after the search had been made of the flat at New Bond Street, which was on the 30.10.52. During this search the Security Service officers concerned noticed a number of BURGESS' books, but did not bring any away.

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Foreign Office, S.W.1.

24th October, 1952.

TOP SECRET.

A.51/52.

Dear Dick,

I enclose a copy of the report by Scotland Yard on their investigations into the allegations contained in the "Time and Life" article.

2. We do not propose to send a copy of this report to the C.I.A. We are simply asking [redacted] to inform the C.I.A. that a thorough investigation has been made and that this shows conclusively that the allegations in the article are without foundation. I have asked that our draft letter to the C.I.A. should be cleared by [redacted] with you before dispatch. We are suggesting that it should enclose some of the comments which you made on certain of the details.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) G. A. Carey Foster

D. G. White, Esq, C.B.E.,
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In connection with your forthcoming interview with HEWIT, I would recommend that if you have not already done so you should glance again at the minutes of your previous interviews with him. These are flagged at 21b, 27b and 61b in his file.

As requested, I have drafted a brief note for your guidance giving details of BURGESS and his associates in various phases between BURGESS' leaving Cambridge and his disappearance. These are filed at

~~I have also drafted a list of topics about which we suggest HEWIT be questioned. This is also filed at.~~

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Note.John P. HEWIT /Guy BURGESS

1. John P. HEWIT was born in Gateshead-on-Tyne on the 17th May 1917. He appears to have come from a working-class home and to have received a normal state education. We do not know what his first employment was but he was thought to have been employed by the Goring Hotel, Ebury Street, Victoria within a few years of leaving school. His work there is thought to have been that of a bell-hop and subsequently a switchboard operator. He served in the Army from fairly early in the war as a Gunner and was seconded to the War Office (under Security Service arrangement) for special work. While in the War Office he was attached to the officer of the Director of the Royal Artillery as a clerk. After the war he appears to have gone to Germany with E.N.S.A. for a time and to have returned to several different jobs in England including a post with HEAD, WRIGHTSON & Co. where he was situated at the time of BURGESS' disappearance, and with the Finders Agency, a professional telephone service which employed him for a short time after BURGESS' disappearance. He is now serving a three-year engagement in the Army.
2. HEWIT met BURGESS sometime between 1935 and 1937 (he has mentioned both dates). The circumstances of this meeting were, according to HEWIT, a party given by the late Tom WYLIE. At an unknown date he was taken into BURGESS' menage at 38 Chester Square. During this period BURGESS was employed (a) as a free-lance

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journalist and on unpaid work with Jock Mac NAMARA, M.P. and Harold NICHOLSON, M.P. until October 1936. (b) by the B.B.C. (from October 1936 until January 1939) (c) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (e) by the B.B.C. again (January 1941 until June 1944.

During this time HEWIT lived with BURGESS except when he (HEWIT) was on national service. Over this period he would be familiar with BURGESS' acquaintanceship with the following persons:

W.H. AUDEN
Stephen SPENDER
Christopher ISHERWOOD
Tom WYLIE
Brian HOWARD
John LEHMANN
Goronwy REES
Harold NICHOLSON
Jock MacNAMARA ✓
Peter POLLOCK.

3. Some time in 1941 BURGESS moved to Bentinck Street. Sometime in 1941 BURGESS was taken on as an outside agent by the Security Service. On the 4th June 1944 he left the B.B.C. and joined the News Department of the Foreign Office. During this period BURGESS lived at Bentinck St. which HEWIT also regarded as his home. During this period HEWIT had met or certainly knew of the following.

The ROTHSCHILDS
Pat. RAWSDON SMITH
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4. In December 1946 BURGESS became Personal Assistant to the Minister of State and was established 10 months later in Branch B. of the Foreign Office. In November 1948 was transferred to the Far Eastern Department. From the 7th August 1950 to the 1st May 1951 was attached to the British Embassy in Washington as 2nd Secretary. During this period BURGESS lived (latterly at least) at 10, New Bond Street. Amongst those persons HEWIT would have met or known of were those as given above in Para 3 and Fred WARNER

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EXTRACT.

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Original in File No.: PF.604,582, Supp Vol 7. Serial: 513 Receipt Date: 17.10.52.

Original from: Telecheck on BLUNDEN Under Ref.: T.C. 2138 Dated: 17.10.52.

Extracted on: 21.10.52. by: Y.D. Section: B.2.A.

Incoming call for SCHEERER from BROWN mentioning HEWIT

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I/C call for ELSA SCHEERER from MARGARET BROWN.
Their conversation began as follows:

- M. " ELSA, it was only to say that I've had a letter from JACK. I don't know whether ANTHONY wants to know that sort of thing or not. "
- E. " Why not ? He's out at present. "
- M. " Well no, it's only that, that he's in Colchester, and he really does seem to be going abroad, because he asks if he may ring me up when he comes up on embarkation leave. So he really, I mean I don't know that he knows when, but I imagine it's fairly soon. "
- E. " Yes. Well I'll tell him MARGARET. If I don't see him I'll leave a note. "
- M. " Well I don't even know that he'd want to know, but I thought you'd know. "
- E. " Yes. Well I expect he will be interested anyhow that he's at a definite place.....
- M. " Well there we are. He says he's sure it's the right thing to do. He's signed on for three years,

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I/C call for ELSA SCHEERER from MARGARET BROWN continued:-

- M. ...and he wished he'd done it years ago. And I couldn't agree more. I think it would have saved us all a great deal of trouble."
- E. " Yes. You know I think it would really have helped him a lot."
- M. " Yes I'm sure it would. "
- E. " Because he needs looking after you know, and getting everything cleaned up for him. "
- M. " Yes. But anyway there it is. I mean he doesn't say very mush. It's only that he really does seem to be going abroad, which I think will relieve ANTHONY rather."
- E. " Yes. "
- M. " But he's at the moment at Colchester. So there we are ! He ~~it~~ doesn't make life easier does he ?"
- E. " No he doesn't. "
- M. " Charming letter. "
- E. " When you'd just settled down. "
- M. " Absolutely charming letter saying um, ' I should love a letter, moody, gay, or bitter, or anything. I've signed on for three years and I believe this is what I should have done years ago', and so on. But anyway there it is ! "
- E. " But anyhow he seems to be happier in himself. "
- M. " Yes he is. But then he always writes these devastatingly sweet letters. "
- E. " Well he's awfully sweet on the 'phone you see; that's why it's so shocking always to hear him again, once you think you have got over ~~all that~~ the whole matter. "
- M. " Um. " (soulfully).
- They then laughed, and talked of plans for the week-end.
- ELSA said that she would give MARGARET's message to BLUNDEN.

PF.604585 - WARNER.
 PF.604591 - HEWIT.

NOTE.

On the 14th October, 1952, I saw Ch. Supt. Jones at Special Branch after a telephone conversation with him. He then handed to me, so that we might copy them, three documents which had been deposited with Mr. R.M. Howe, the Assistant Commissioner, on Monday 13th October by Mr. Christianson, the Managing Editor of the "Daily Express". Christianson had deposited these documents as some evidence for the "Daily Express" belief that it was acting in good faith in publishing various stories touching upon the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN.

Perhaps I ought to put on record the fact that Mr. Howe and Cdr. Burt sent for Percy HOSKINS, crime reporter of the "Daily Express", and later saw Mr. Christianson after the interrogation of HEWIT. I understand that both stated emphatically that the "Daily Express" did not sell the story to "Time & Life", but claimed that it had reached that organ through its London correspondent. It is believed however that the "Daily Express" do accept as a likelihood the fact that SEAMAN or some other representative of the "Daily Express" had been in pretty close touch with the London correspondent of "Time & Life", for the article was clearly based principally upon material only known to be in the possession of the "Daily Express".

When Christianson handed over these documents he also offered to A.C.C. the report by Mr. Gurrin, the hand-writing expert, upon the disputed "Fred" letter published in the "Daily Express". Unfortunately I gathered that Mr. Christianson was not asked what happened to the originals of these documents, of which he only turned in photographic copies.

The first document (all of which are in the attached envelope) is a letter from the Travellers Club dated 22nd May, 1951, to Guy from Fred. The "Daily Express" on the reverse side comment "Letter from WARNER to BURGESS - see date". This is a document which they might very well also have turned in to Mr. Gurrin for an expert examination before accepting it as evidence of anything at all, for as Mr. Jones quickly determined (and I confirmed his view) this letter is clearly a forgery and equally clearly an attempt has been made to reproduce the writing of Fred WARNER. If it were a genuine document it would prove nothing save that BURGESS and WARNER were in contact immediately before the disappearance of the former, possibly on a matter which WARNER was describing as very important. We know from WARNER himself that there was some such contact but we were led to believe that it was of a casual character. Since it is clearly a forgery it has a greater importance, for someone is being deceived by it. I suspect that it is a HEWIT forgery to bolster up such stories as he may have sold to the "Daily Express".

The second photostat is of an envelope. In fact Christianson said that this envelope had unfortunately been destroyed, but it was described as the one covering the letter said by SEAMAN to have been deposited with WARNER for HEWIT and only surrendered by WARNER when HEWIT threatened to publish two of his letters to BURGESS. The "Daily Express" comment on the reverse side of this document is "Manner in which the envelope is addressed indicates - as we said in our stories - that it was to be picked up at a club by HEWIT. I am not quite sure that all this can be read into the material upon the envelope, but there is no doubt that the writing is that of Guy BURGESS, and their assumption may be correct. It is only fair to add the comment that this document is undated and could have been the cover for the letter which HEWIT states was left for him in 1948, and not for a letter which the "Daily Express" would prefer to believe was being held by WARNER on HEWIT's behalf in 1951.

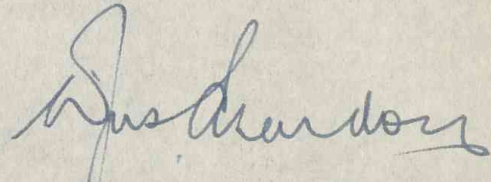
The third document³ is typewritten and purports to be a copy of a letter which Jack HEWIT addressed to Brian HOWARD on the 9th May, 1952. The only really significant passage in this letter is the one at the beginning of the penultimate paragraph relating to Brian HOWARD's intention to denounce "D.M." (Donald MACLEAN ?) last year.

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Mr. Jones is holding these documents pending the return of Cdr. Burt from leave on the 20th October, and suggests that it is extremely likely that he will decide that Brian HOWARD should be seen to acknowledge the receipt of this letter and explain it, and also that HEWIT should be questioned again on this point.

I passed to Mr. Jones a photostat copy of the envelope addressed to HEWIT by BURGESS and postmarked Washington, March 9th, 1951, simply for comparison purposes with the second exhibit referred to above. I promised also to locate Brian HOWARD and let Special Branch know his current address.

B.2.A.
15.10.52.


W. J. Skardon.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

PHOTOSTAT COPIES OF 2 DOCUMENTS
received from the "Daily Express"
via Special Branch 14.10.52.

1. Letter to "Guy" from "Fred" dated 22.5.51.
 2. Envelope addressed "To be called for by and
given to John HEWIT Esq. G. BURGESS".
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ECONOMY
OPEN by slitting right hand edge.
RE-USE with Economy Label.

CODE No. 27-22

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TRAVELLERS' CLUB
PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1.
WHITEHALL 8688.

22 7 1951

~~Guy~~
It is important that I
see you as soon as possible.
V. important

Say when!

Fred.

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To be called for by
or given to.

John Hewitt Esq

G. Burgers.

Letter from Warren to Bungeo.

see date.

DAILY EXPRESS
COPY PRINTED

Manner in which the envelope is addressed indicates
— as we said in our notes — that it was to be
picked up at a club by Hewitt.

DAILY EXPRESS
COPY PRINT

FF.604591.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

PHOTOSTAT OF TYPEWRITTEN LETTER FROM Jack HEWIT
to Brian HOWARD dated 9.5.52.

Received from the "Daily Express" through Special
Branch on 14.10.52.

CODE No. 27-31

19, Porchester Place,
London W.2.

9th May 1952.

Dear Brian,

Thank you for answering my telegram, I didn't want to worry you, but I thought that as you were one of the very few people who had believed G to be the wronged and not the wrong, I thought that you could help.

I have a news (a letter) from G, and as far as I can judge, this was written by G., before he went away. I say at this point that I have just received this letter via a "Friend" who says that he has not been in a position to deliver it until now.!!! I enclose a copy of it for you to see. Needless to say I have not told anyone not even Ant, about this. You may ask why not Ant, and I tell you that he performed a complete volt face, and became as difficult as he could be. An so I don't tell him anything, because I know that he goes straight to our pals with all the news.

What I want you to tell me, is, why you were going to denounce D.M. last year. It is so unlike you to want to denounce anyone, that I can only think the reason must be serious. I have spent weeks of thought and time on this matter, and apart from the fact that I lost, Job, Home and had to spend weeks in hospital because of the things that happened when G went away I do seriously want to clear G of any suggestion that he was a Commy Spy.

Please help me with any facts you may have or any theory that may occur to you.

Yours faithfully, (very)

*Letter to Brian Howard
from Hewitt*

PF.604582 - BLUNT.
Copy in: PF.604591 - HEWIT. ✓

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NOTE.

Having discussed this matter with B.2 and B.2.A./AFB, I telephoned BLUNT on 10th October and told him:-

- (a) That HEWIT is in the army.
- (b) That he has been seen by Cdr. Burt.
- (c) That following the interview he had rejoined his unit.

I told BLUNT no more, but he informed me that during the time that HEWIT was in London he had made an attempt to speak on the telephone to BLUNT, who had been "not at home" to him.


W. J. Skardon.

B.2.A.
13.10.52.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF.604,591 Name: HEWIT, Jack

Original in File No.:* PF.604,582, Supp Vol 7 Serial 502ab Vol:..... Receipt Date: 11.10.52.

Original from: Telecheck on BLUNDEN Under Ref. T.C. 2135 Dated: 9.10.52.

Extracted on: 14.10.52. by Y.D. Section: B.2.A.

Extract from telecheck on BLUNDEN, mentioning HEWIT.

I/C call for ELSA SCHEERER from MARGARET BROWN. They were going to ~~HARRINGTON~~ Harringay together tomorrow. ELSA told MARGARET that ANTHONY had tried to get on to her that day. She told her that HEWIT had gone into the Army. She would tell MARGARET all about it tomorrow. They referred to the subject briefly, as follows;

ELSA: " Nothing unpleasant about it. He has come in. He's in the Army. "

MARGARET: " He's in the Army ! ? He really is ? "

ELSA: " Well apparently he really is. He has been you know, and there's nothing to worry about. "

MARGARET: " Oh well ! It was very curious, 'cos I believed him when he said he was going into the Army, and then ANTHONY said he was always saying he was going off somewhere.. "

ELSA: " Well he had at the same time said different things to different people. But I'll tell you exactly what happened. But it was all very pleasant. "

MARGARET: " Oh good ! Bye-bye. "

ELSA: " Bye-bye. "

If the original is in the file of an individual include the name of the file owner

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF.604,591 Name: HEWIT, John

Original in File No.:* PF.604,582 Supp Vol 7 Serial: 502b Vol: Receipt Date: 11.10.52.

Original from: Telecheck on BLUNDEN Under Ref.: T.C. 2147 Dated: 9.10.52.

Extracted on: 14.10.52. by: Y.D. Section: B.2.A.

Conversation between BLUNDEN and SKARDON mentioning HEWIT.

I/C call for BLUNDEN from SKARDON.
 (BLUNDEN had rung SKARDON shortly before, and had been unable to get him).
 SKARDON told BLUNDEN that 'he' had been found; that 'he' was still in the Army. - 'He' had been seen, and had gone back to his unit.
 BLUNDEN told SKARDON that 'he' had rung him when he was in London, but that BLUNDEN had been nominally out, as he had not wanted to get involved.

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* If the original is in the file of an individual include the name of the file owner

PF.604591 - HEWIT.

PF.604585 - WARNER.

B2A/CAGS.

Copied to PF 816, 820

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Jack HEWIT.

In accordance with the undertaking which I gave to Cdr. Burt, I caused enquiries to be made through Elliott, B.1.E., to discover whether HEWIT had joined the army. Immediately following my initial discussion with Elliott, he heard from Lt. Col. Rumbold, M.I.11, that the "Daily Mirror" newspaper had succeeded in penetrating to a Staff Captain in R.A. Records at Woolwich, and in seeking to identify HEWIT in the army had decided that he was identical with a gunner now serving with B.A.O.R. The Staff Captain upon learning that the story was likely to be published by the "Daily Mirror" on the following day, had communicated through S.I.B. with Col. Rumbold. Further particulars about this individual, for example the fact that he had enlisted in February 1952, suggested that he was not identical with the subject of our enquiry, and I put Cdr. Burt and Rumbold in touch with each other, M.I.11 continuing their enquiries positively to identify Jack HEWIT.

On the morning of the 8th October, Col. Rumbold having satisfactorily placed HEWIT in a unit at Colchester, telephoned the Orderly Room with the object of making arrangements for HEWIT to attend Cdr. Burt's office at Scotland Yard. He asked for the Adjutant who was out; he then enquired for the Commanding Officer or any other officer, only to be told by the telephonist in the Orderly Room that all the officers were out, and the telephonist asked whether there was anything he could do. Col. Rumbold asked who was speaking, and it turned out that it was Jack HEWIT himself. He ordered him to come to London forthwith to his office, and later sent him on to be interviewed by Cdr. Burt. Burt and Ch. Det. Supt. Jones interrogated HEWIT during the afternoon of the 8th October, during the late morning of the 9th October, and during the afternoon of that day they completed their task of obtaining from HEWIT a signed statement setting out his disclosures. There is little need to anticipate the contents of this statement which in its complete form will reach us in due course, but it is worth noting in anticipation that HEWIT denies categorically that he has any knowledge of homosexuality on the part of Fred WARNER and denies that he has ever described WARNER as being perverted in this way. He readily admits to an association with the press and particularly with Donald SEAMAN, but denies emphatically that the "Fred" letter published in the "Daily Express" was provided by him to SEAMAN or obtained by him from Fred WARNER. He was shown during the course of the interview a cutting from the newspaper and said that this was the first time that he had actually seen this particular article. He dated the letter as having been written some time in 1948, and explained the crisis to which it referred. He did not cross out the word which has been obliterated and he suggests that it is not "Fred" that has been expunged but "me &". He does bring WARNER into a slightly closer connection with BURGESS shortly before his disappearance than we had previously understood, but this is another matter and so far as the "Time & Life" article is concerned, I think that Special Branch have plenty of information upon which to base a firm interrogation of the "Daily Express" newspaper. To this end it was proposed on the evening of the 9th October that A.C.C. (Mr. Howe) and Mr. Burt should see in the first instance Percy HOSKINS, who after all did give Burt facilities to have his discussion with SEAMAN without being made aware of the true purpose of that discussion.

Mr. Burt has expressed the view that with this abundant evidence Fred WARNER should be given an opportunity of taking action for libel against Kenneth de COURCY in respect of the open letters which he has written to a number of prominent people, wherein he makes the most blatant accusations of homosexuality and espionage against Fred WARNER. Burt thinks this is a heaven-sent opportunity of shutting up de COURCY, and indeed of completely exposing his "Intelligence Digest".

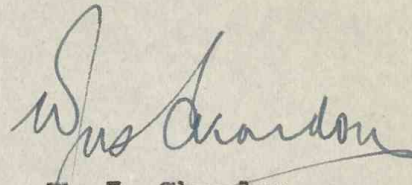
I am letting Burt have copies of the newspaper cutting of the "Fred" letter.

Lt.Col. Rumbold having seen HEWIT is frightfully disturbed that a man of this obviously degenerate character should have found his way into the army, and hopes that he may be provided with some information which will

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enable him to purge the Royal Artillery of this undesirable character. I will discuss with Cdr. Burt the possibility that an adverse report touching upon HEWIT's moral character might come better from Scotland Yard than from the Security Service.


W. J. Skardon.

B.2.A.
10.10.52.

Footnote.

I failed to mention earlier that HEWIT disposed of the suggestion that John STRACHEY and Christopher ISHERWOOD were associated with the other people mentioned by SEAMAN and referred to in my report of 7.10.52 at

It would also be timely to add that the Yard view of the suggestion by Lt. Col. Rumbold referred to above is that it would be very unfortunate if HEWIT were dismissed the army solely because he had been brought to notice in connection with this present enquiry. They feel there is something to be said for leaving him where he can be found, and in any event HEWIT himself claims to be attempting to reform. I imagine that M.I.11 will be so informed by the police, and that they will probably suggest that the proper action is for S.I.B. to be notified of HEWIT's former perversion and that they should act on the basis of any offence committed by HEWIT in the future.

W. J. S.

PA Hant (HEWIT) SUB/B.2.A
 FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Daily Herald

Date 8.10.52

Burgess: Hunt on for his friend

By Stanley Bishop

THE Foreign Office Security Branch wants to see an ex-actor, Jack Hewit, about a letter which may throw light on the disappearance of the missing diplomats, Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess.

MI5, the Special Branch of Scotland Yard, Bristol police and the Army Special Investigation Branch, have been working together trying to trace him.

Hewit was a close friend of Guy Burgess, and shared a flat



JACK HEWIT
 35-year-old ex-actor.

with him in Old Bond-street when the two Foreign Office men disappeared in June, last year.

Burgess left a letter in the flat for Hewit saying he was going away. A name in the letter was carefully, and thoroughly, obliterated.

Since then the name has been discovered to be that of a high-ranking Foreign Office official.

OTHER LETTERS?

Other letters, the Foreign Office believes, have recently been received by Hewit through Switzerland from Burgess.

Early this year Hewit was living with a sister in a village near Bristol. She has been interviewed, but does not know where her brother went after leaving her.

But the Special Branch men have learned that when he left the Bristol district, Hewit took a flat in Soho with a waiter at a West End restaurant.

Last news about him is dated a fortnight ago when he was seen in Piccadilly in Army uniform, with the one stripe of a bombardier in the Royal Artillery on his battle dress tunic.

B2A note
 Similar
 items
 appeared on
 other papers.
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S. Form 338

SECRET

NAME:

BLUNDEN.

Tel. No.:

Welbeck 984I.

Responsible Section:

B.2.a.

T.C. No.:

Date:

2I36.

7.10.52.

8 OCT 1952

I/C call for BLUNDEN from ANDY REVAL.

After the initial greetings, their conversation was as follows:

R. Have you seen the 'Evening Standard' ?

B. I have, yes.

R. You don't know anything about this ?

B. Um, well it's only what I've - I mean it's only sort of public statement of what I'd rather gathered.

R. Oh I see, yes.

B. Did I - I can't remember whether - I told you didn't I that he'd had trouble with his last job.

R. Yes you did, yes, yes.

B. And, er...

R. You also told me that you asked your Solicitor to...

B. To tear up the ~~check~~ cheque.

R. That's right, yes.

B. He sent it back to me, and I tore it up. (Pause). Yes, well it was clear from that um, that there was a certain - from what I told you, that there was a certain interest in his movements, and that he had, that he was not traceable.

R. Yes. Oh I didn't know that he wasn't traceable - Oh I see.

B. Well, I mean in a sense that we none of us knew where he was.

R. Yes.

B. Oh I thought I'd told you that er, that they were vaguely asking me if I knew where he was.

R. No I didn't know that.

B. Oh I see; no I'm sorry.

R. No, no. I only knew about the trouble, about the trouble that you had with his Firm, and...

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NAME:

T.C. No.:

Tel. No.:

Date:

Responsible Section: Page -2- BLUNDEN (2I36.) 7.10.52. continued:-I/C call from REVAI continued:-

- B. Ah yes.
- R. But that's all, but nothing else.
- B. Well no, I mean the form in which the enquiry came to me made it pretty clear that they were looking for him - but not, it wasn't quite clear from what point of view.
- R. Yes.
- B. I think what happened in this case, I knew that they'd been to ask his Sister if she knew anything about him; and of course I knew that she wouldn't. I think he broke with her a long time ago; and I think this is simply a leakage from her.
- R. Yes. Has it nothing to do with GUY you think ?
- B. Um,er, er, w., well I simply don't know - I can't make out about that.
- R. I see, yes, yes.
- B. I mean, anyhow if it is, I don't think it has any importance.
- R. Quite, yes, yes. Well actually I thought it must be something like that.
- B. It wasn't perfectly plain to me. But whatever, I mean whether, if it is, (a few muttered words???)
- R. Is a large sum involved ?
- B. One doesn't know. I mean, I know what the sum involved is in one case; and in the second case I don't know, I have no idea - I just had an old registered letter plus some sundry (pause) items, and no evidence about the sum.
- R. That's pretty grim, you know, I must say. One doesn't know where it will end.
- B. Where it will end, no. Well one doesn't.
- R. No.
- B. This particular incident isn't to me very grim, in the sense that if I'm afraid in the evidence of the last week it's been plain to me that something of this sort would happen, necessarily, and inevitably to JACK.
- R. Yes.

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NAME:

T.C. No.:

Tel. No.:

Date:

Responsible Section: Page -3- BLUNDEN (2I36) 7.10.52. continued:-I/C call from REVAL continued:-

- B. So this isn't a great shock. I mean it's very, it's unpleasant I mean having it in the Papers.
- R. Quite.
- B. But the actual, I mean the fact^{that} ~~of~~ JACK has got himself into the kind of trouble which snowballs, and inevitably ends in disaster, has I am afraid been apparent to me for some time.
- R. Well I don't suppose one can do anything ?
- B. Well ANDY one can't do anything at all.
- R. No, that's the trouble.
- B. That's the trouble, one can do nothing whatsoever. I mean he's made it impossible for one...
- R. Yes of course.
- B. And as you know - er, er, I, I can't quite remember how I did explain this to you, and how I talked to you; but over the last episode as you know, I sent this cheque to my Solicitor: and hearing that there had been yet another, I wrote to him, or I telephoned him saying 'well if you haven't done anything about that, you'd better tear it up because this type of thing is going on and on and on.' And it isn't a question of - what I felt at the first, when that first thing came up, was if, by writing a cheque for £23., one could save JACK from (claims?), obviously one must do it.
- R. Yes, well that's what you told me.
- B. But then if, every time one writes a cheque for £23., there's going to be another for 50. etc., etc., etc. - It's a bottomless pit, and one can't...
- R. No, of course not. No I.....
- B. And there it is. And after all, there are unfortunately, at any rate in the last case - er, it's, er, he is subject to investigation etc; and even probably paying the cheque wouldn't do it.
- R. Quite, no.
- B. I mean once you've stolen a registered letter, well then you are,....
- R. I beg your pardon ?

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NAME:

T.C. No.:

Tel. No.:

Date:

Responsible Section: Page -4- BLUNDEN. (2136.) 7.10.52. continued:-I/C call from REVAI continued:-

- B. Once you've stolen a registered letter, you see, you are exposed.
- R. It's a criminal affair.
- B. Yes. It is usually -- I don't quite know about this.
- R. Yes. Well I suppose - I wonder how it got into the Papers ?
- B. I think, er I should think probably through the usual Bristol snoop who's got on to JACK's Sister.
- R. Yes, just checking whether anything....
- B. Has anything happened, yes.
- R. Yes. The only thing, you see, he says 'Special Branch Detectives', and that I think being true. I don't know whether you noticed ?
- B. Oh I didn't no, and now you come to think of it, and now I come to see it, I had read it and not noticed. I was assuming it was C.I.D.
- R. Yes, because.....then it may be correct, you see because it says 'Special Branch Detectives are trying to trace' him. And the girl said apparently, er, said that er the Police Officer had called at her home saying that the Foreign Office would like to see her Brother. But I think that's probably, er, the, the Reporter's contribution.
- B. (Pause). Well I'm not sure about that.
- R. Oh you are not sure ?
- B. (Heavy/ silence.)
- R. Um, I was very distressed when I heard it, you see. I knew that it would distress you.
- B. Ah, it's very sweet of you. I er, someone fair threw it at me at a party.
- R. You what ?
- B. Someone suddenly threw it at at me at a party. Fatal !
- R. Oh I see. Sorry.
- B. No !.....I didn't approve.... But um, oh I mean there it is. There is I'm afraid absolutely nothing to be done.

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NAME:

T.C. No.:

Tel. No.:

Date:

Responsible Section:

Page -5- BLUNDEN. (2136.) 7.10.52. continued:-I/C call from REVAI continued:-

- R. Yes. Well I perfectly agree with you ANTHONY. I certainly feel very strongly. Well I hope that it will, that it won't have a very kind of unpleasant dénouement. I don't think so really.
- B. But, I'm afraid it's bound to have a very unpleasant dénouement for JACK.
- R. Beg your pardon ?
- B. I'm afraid it's bound to have a very unpleasant dénouement for JACK.
- R. Yes, yes. Well that was what I meant, you know,
- B. I don't honestly think that whatever it is, it'll-affect the GUY situation very much.
- R. Yes, yes. No, don't worry...
- B. I mean I think it'll be, I mean I think frankly that in the end - you see, I mean if, whatever they want to see JACK for; er, whether it's to ask him some question about GUY or not; or whether it's purely for defaulting with money.
- R. Yes ?
- B. When found, and after all he's bound to be found.
- R. Yes, quite.
- B. Assuming he's in this Country as I imagine. Um, he will then I'm afraid be up for...
- R. Trial, yes.
- B. Trial.
- R. No, when I meant unpleasant, I meant that he would commit suicide you know. But I really don't think so - he tried it so often you know. I can't really believe that he has the courage to do-it.
- B. One's reactions are very odd, because oddly enough it simply hadn't occurred to me this time.
- R. No.
- B. And it occurred to me every time before, when we've talked about it (former?) occasions. Not I'm saying that's any reason why it shouldn't happen; but that problem simply hadn't arisen...
- R. Well I really don't think.....always having made this kind of, how shall I say, semi trial..... I simply don't think that he would have the courage.

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NAME:

T.C. No.:

Tel. No.:

Date:

Responsible Section: Page -6- BLUNDEN. (2136.) 7.10.52. continued:-I/C call from REVAI continued:-

- R. Are you alone ANTHONY, or is JOHN there ?
- B. No he's there.
- R. Oh he's there.
- B. Typing away at letters. (BLUNDEN repeated this.)
- R. Oh I see. Well don't let yourself distress too much my dear.
- B. No, it's a bore.
- R. It is yes.
- B. Not the first time.
- R. No, but one has to suffer for a long time. Well good-night my dear.
- B. Good-night, and thank you very much for ringing me.
- R. Not at all, I shall 'phone you in a day or two. "

They then referred briefly to something that ELSA had sent off to REVAI. (Think in connection with art.)

23.10.

P.M.S.

PF.604585. (WARNER).
 PF.604591. (HEWIT).

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D.B.

Fred WARNER.

I saw Cdr. Burt at Special Branch this morning but only after Ch.Supt. Jones had told me the story in his absence. From the discussions I had with both I pieced together the following story of their enquiries into the allegation that Fred WARNER may have homosexual tendencies.

I think it must have been at Percy HOSKINS' address that Burt and Jones last evening met SEAMAN, the "Daily Express" reporter who has handled the BURGESS/MACLEAN story so far as the HEWIT angle is concerned. The purpose of their discussion with the press was never made entirely plain, except that Mr. Burt indicated that his mission was to discover the present whereabouts of Guy BURGESS, and he hoped that by discussing the matter with these knowledgeable gentlemen something might emerge which would provide a clue. During the discussions however Mr. Burt obtained from SEAMAN on several occasions the positive denial that HEWIT had ever described Fred WARNER as a "boy-friend" of his or as having homosexual tendencies. SEAMAN was absolutely positive that HEWIT had never made any such declaration.

It became clear that during their discussion with SEAMAN that the latter was obsessed with the idea that Fred WARNER is the person who first of all tipped off BURGESS to make a get-away, that he (WARNER) left London on the day following the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN and travelled to Paris, that it is possible that there he facilitated their journey onwards, and probably assisted them when he arrived himself in Moscow to which city he had lately been posted. He has formed this theory, and Mr. Burt warned him at the end of the interview of the danger of trying to make all the facts fit into some pre-conceived theory instead of allowing the facts themselves to provide some narrative.

SEAMAN has been closely associated since the disappearance with Jack HEWIT, and has obtained from him the following story concerning BURGESS and his associates. During the war a flat at Bentinck Street was used indiscriminately by BURGESS, BLUNT, John STRACHEY, Christopher ISHERWOOD and two girls. SEAMAN had gathered that a fortnight before the disappearance, WARNER had long discussions with BURGESS. Two days before his departure WARNER had a telephone conversation with BURGESS. BURGESS told HEWIT that he had left with WARNER at the Reform Club a letter for him, which was not delivered to him by WARNER before the latter's departure on the day following the disappearance. A fortnight before WARNER was recalled to Foreign Office from Moscow, HEWIT was aware of his impending return. Soon after his arrival SEAMAN accompanied HEWIT to the Albany and waited outside WARNER's flat whilst HEWIT had an interview with WARNER. When HEWIT left the flat he told SEAMAN that WARNER had declined to hand over the letter left for him by BURGESS but had done so when HEWIT threatened to hand to the newspapers a couple of letters addressed to BURGESS by Fred WARNER, which were then in HEWIT's possession. WARNER then handed over the letter and it was the one which the "Daily Express" published wherein the word "Fred" had been expurgated.

SEAMAN also referred to the quarrel between Stephen SPENDER and John LEHMANN following the publication in the "Daily Express" of LEHMANN's letter to SPENDER. He mentioned that Bernard MILLER had been extremely cross that BURGESS had failed to take him to Paris for the weekend as arranged.

Mr. Burt said that the denials made by SEAMAN were categorical, and he was a little unhappy that they should have been obtained in the course of an interview during which Mr. Burt had not clearly indicated his true purpose in seeing the journalists. For this reason he was proposing that A.C.C. should visit Patrick Reilly at Foreign Office today,

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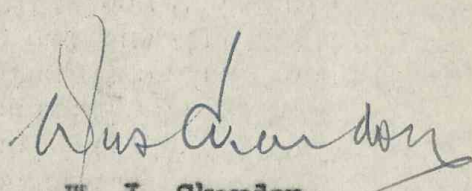
7th October, and obtain his authority at some future date to place the issue squarely before SEAMAN and base an interrogation upon the article submitted to "Time & Life" for publication.

It is proposed before using any authority which they may obtain from Foreign Office, to interview HEWIT first.

The "Daily Express" claims that HEWIT was in Bristol a week ago and Mr. Burt asked me to renew my enquiries there and also if possible to check up on the suggestion that HEWIT may have recently joined H.M. Army.

Mr. Burt added that this morning HOSKINS had telephoned to say that Mrs. MACLEAN (now in Switzerland) has placed Beaconshaw, Tatsfield, in the hands of a local agents who have authority to sell on her behalf deriving from a Deed of Gift. By inference HOSKINS is anxious to discover whether this Deed of Gift is something which has been executed recently or whether it dates from before the disappearance of Donald MACLEAN. I was unable to give any positive statement, but I told Mr. Burt that since I believed that Beaconshaw was paid largely with money from Mrs. MACLEAN, it was quite likely that to safeguard her personal interest in it he had assigned the property to her in this way. I do not think we have any positive knowledge on this point.

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7.10.52.


W. J. Skardon.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF.604,591 Name: HEWIT

Original in File No.: PF.604,582, Supp Vol.7. Serial: 495 Receipt Date: 7.10.52.

Original from: Telecheck on BLUNDEN Under Ref.: T.C. 2135 Dated: 6.10.52.

Extracted on: 10.10.52. by: Y.D. Section: B.2.A.

I/C call for BLUNDEN from ROBIN CHANCELLOR.
 CHANCELLOR, who worked for the 'New Zealand Press',
 was impressed by an agricultural article which
 VICTOR ROTHSCHILD had written for 'The Sunday Times'.
 He wanted to approach ROTHSCHILD about writing a small
 book on the same subject. He asked BLUNDEN if he
 would help him over this? BLUNDEN would ring
 ROTHSCHILD. The following conversation then ensued:

BLUNDEN: " By the way when you ask, when you see
 DESMOND, which you do fairly frequently, do
 ask him a little more about that last
 interview. "

ROBIN: " I did. "

BLUNDEN: " Oh you did ? And no money ? "

ROBIN: " No, not a mention of it. "

BLUNDEN: " Really ! "

ROBIN: " Yes. "

BLUNDEN: " Most extraordinary ! "

ROBIN: " I'm quite sure that's true. "

BLUNDEN: " Oh I'm sure it is, yes. No, I'm merely
 absolutely astonished. "

ROBIN: " Yes. I did actually, I told ANDY, and
 then I forgot to tell you. "

BLUNDEN: " Oh yes... (a few mumbled words) /... That's
 very interesting. Well I understand it
 even less ! "

ROBIN: " Yes. "

BLUNDEN: " Right, thank you so much. "

BLUNDEN then repeated that he would try and get on to
 VICTOR ROTHSCHILD.

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Our Ref: PP.604585/B.2.Your Ref: PP.95.

6th October, 1952.

Dear Geoffrey,

Please refer to your letter of 16th September asking for information about Frederick WARNER.

Frederick Archibald WARNER was born on 2nd May, 1918. His father, Lt. Cdr. F. A. WARNER, R.N., was killed in action in 1918. His mother is apparently American; she was Marjory Miller WINANTS, born at Bayonne, New Jersey. WARNER was educated at Dartmouth from 1932 to 1935 and at Magdalen College, Oxford, from 1937 to 1939. He served during the war in the R.N.V.R.

WARNER entered the Foreign Service in February 1946 as a temporary Assistant Principal. He is now established as a Foreign Service Officer Grade 7 and is serving in the Foreign Office in London.

WARNER is known to have been one of BURGESS's closest associates from 1948 onwards, although their friendship is thought to have cooled somewhat by the time of the disappearance. WARNER originally met BURGESS through their common employment in Hector McNeil's office when the latter was Minister of State in 1948. Their official association lasted for about a year, during which time, according to WARNER, he achieved some degree of influence over BURGESS, who frequently turned to him for professional advice. The two last met in May 1951, when WARNER was on leave in London from the British Embassy, Moscow. This latter appointment WARNER relinquished about October 1951.

WARNER has been seen by the Security Service and questioned about his relations with BURGESS. Nothing very remarkable came out of this interview, which resulted in our concluding that there was "nothing to be held against WARNER from the security viewpoint". It was felt at the time, however, that WARNER was possibly playing down the extent of his friendship with BURGESS.

It has been suggested that there might have been a homosexual relationship between WARNER and BURGESS. We have no conclusive evidence on this point, and WARNER, to whom the question was referred by the Foreign Office, has made a categorical denial. He has also denied an allegation, which has received some currency, that as a result of a brawl, he was responsible for BURGESS's head injury in 1948 which caused BURGESS to have frequent headaches, for which he took drugs.

On the 20th May 1952, the Daily Express published a facsimile of the last page of a letter written by BURGESS, allegedly on the eve of his departure. It was undated and mentioned no addressee. In it, BURGESS was consoling the recipient and advising him to turn to "Anthony or ----" for help. The blank had been heavily obliterated on the original, according to the Express, whose scientific experts claimed to have reconstituted the erasure as the name "Fred". The Daily Express indulged in considerable speculation in trying to relate the contents of the letter to the events surrounding BURGESS's departure, and posed the question of the identities of Anthony and Fred. I will not trouble you with either their or our analysis of this letter, except to say that we believe it to have been written to Jackie HEWIT (BURGESS's last boyfriend a petty crook and blackmailer) who gave it to the Express as a means of raising money. We are also reasonably sure that HEWIT also identified Anthony (BLUNT) and Fred for the Daily Express, off the record.

G. T. D. Patterson, Esq.,
British Embassy,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On the 5th June 1952, [redacted] called on Guy Liddell to say that "Time/Life" were contemplating publishing an article on certain implications of the BURGESS/MACLEAN affair, taking as their text the Daily Express letter mentioning Fred and Anthony. The London "Time/Life" representative had sought the advice of the U.S. Embassy over the article with a view to finding out whether its publication would embarrass the Embassy. The article, it appeared, showed the Foreign Office in a critical light and referred to the security and homosexual aspects of the BURGESS/MACLEAN case.

On the 21st August this year, [redacted] who passed it to us for comment and analysis. Briefly, the article was a sensational affair containing nothing new from the security point of view. It singled out WARNER and Anthony BLUNT (surveyor of the Queen's pictures) for attack on moral grounds, accusing both of homosexuality. It alleged that the Foreign Office was shielding WARNER and concealing the facts of the BURGESS/MACLEAN case in self-protection. Though it was sometimes factually true, the article was, as you can imagine, in places scurrilous, tendentious and inaccurate.

[redacted] thanking him for a sight of the article and informing him that the WARNER case has been examined by the Security Service, who are satisfied that there is nothing to be held against him from the security point of view. Warner has also been told that we consider the BURGESS letter published by the Daily Express on the 26th May 1952 to be a fabrication, in that it was in fact written in 1948.

As HEWIT appears to be responsible for the present newspaper interest in WARNER, and since the "Time/Life" article states that he revealed to the Daily Express that WARNER and BURGESS "shared" him, HEWIT's case is being re-examined (he had, of course, already been seen by us at the time of the disappearance). The object of this re-examination is to satisfy the Foreign Office on the question of WARNER's morals. In this matter, we have expressed the view that the Security Service is not qualified to comment, and that we stand by our original assessment of WARNER as being clear from the security point of view. HEWIT's re-examination is therefore being handled by Scotland Yard, who will, amongst other things, try to discover whether he has any concrete knowledge of WARNER's alleged homosexuality.

As you suggested, it seems that the Bureau's interest in WARNER may well stem from C.I.A. In this connection, you should know that [redacted] approached us on the 27th August 1952, stating that he had heard from the Daily Express (with which he is in touch), who had "turned up" a number of BURGESS's letters, which clearly indicated his homosexuality and implicated a person or persons in the Foreign Office. [redacted] asked whether we were aware of this and was told that we were not. He was also told, in answer to a question, that the Security Service knew of no homosexual contact of BURGESS's in the Foreign Office. He was given no details of what we knew about BURGESS's private life, and WARNER's name was not mentioned.

The above information has been given to you in full for your guidance in a somewhat delicate matter. We feel that you are better placed to judge how fully the Bureau are entitled to be answered on this matter. We should be grateful if you would let us know how much you decide to pass them so that we may pass on an equivalent statement to Gimpman. If you decide upon a minimum answer we suggest something on the following lines:-

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Frederick WARNER is an official of the Foreign Office at present stationed in London. In 1948 he was employed in the same department as Guy BURGESS in the Foreign Office. Since he is known to have formed a friendship with BURGESS from that date, he was interviewed by the Security Service after BURGESS's disappearance. The Security Service are satisfied that, while WARNER was undoubtedly friendly with BURGESS, there is nothing to be held against him from the security point of view. The Security Service has no information which might suggest that WARNER is a homosexual.

Yours ever,



C. Robertson.

JCR/FAM.

P.S.

Since writing the above I have spoken to the Foreign Office.

They have no objection to your passing to the Bureau the contents of the last paragraph of this letter (Page 3 above).

If however you wish to pass more information, they would like to clear it here before you do so. On receipt of this letter, therefore, I should be grateful if you would let me know:-

- (a) That you have decided to pass the contents of the above "minimum" paragraph;
- or (b) That you wish to give the F.B.I. rather more information, in which case please let me have the draft text of what you want to say, so that we can refer it to the Foreign Office here.


J.C.R.

SECRET

NAME: BLUNDEN.

T.C. No.: 2138.

Tel. No.: Welbeck 1389.

Date:

Responsible Section: B.2.a.

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I/C call for BLUNDEN from MARGARET BROWN.
 She spoke first to Miss SCHEERER who had rung her previously, and left a message for her to ring back. She invited ELSA SCHEERER to dine with her that night. She then had a long talk with BLUNDEN about pictures. She had apparently written a letter to him about all the current problems. BLUNDEN dealt with each one of them in turn. The following conversation then ensued:

BLUNDEN: " Incidentally, a little more not very satisfactory information about our mutual friend. "

MARGARET: " Oh. He seems to have gone into collaboration with CYRIL CONNOLLY. "

BLUNDEN: " No. No, that was a pure fiddle. And incidentally it was a good deal less unpleasant, less sort of malignant than I thought it might be. "

MARGARET: " Oh ! "

BLUNDEN: " He's a horrible man. "

MARGARET: " Oh. I don't know him at all. I didn't know about it till the second one came out. "

BLUNDEN: " Well, I knew...I heard the announcement, but I was away, and saw the second one first actually. "

MARGARET: " Oh. "

BLUNDEN: " No, he....you remember he had a job round the corner here. "

MARGARET: " Um. "

BLUNDEN: " And he left that rather abruptly for the usual reason. "

MARGARET: " Oh God (wearily). "

BLUNDEN: " Yes. "

MARGARET: " Yes. (Pause.). I haven't heard anything more, have you ? "

BLUNDEN: " No nothing at all. "

MARGARET: " No. I don't think I shall. I mean I was pretty firm last time I saw him. "

BLUNDEN: " Um, then I don't suppose you will. "

MARGARET: " I mean I was rather...rather, trying not to see him again. "

BLUNDEN: " Yes. "

MARGARET: " Probably succeeded. "

BLUNDEN: " Yup. Oh dear, well there it is ! "

MARGARET: " There we are ! "

BLUNDEN: " Thought I'd just let you know. But no one seems to know where he is. "

MARGARET then asked BLUNDEN if he had had a nice holiday? He told her that he had had to come back early due to a commotion ^{caused by} the theft of £500 - £1000 worth of books from the library, and another library.

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P.M.S.

PF.604591 - HEWIT.

Copy on:- PF.604529 - BURGESS.

PF.604582 - BLUNT

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NOTE.

On the 25th September, 1952, at the request of Commander Burt and with D.B.'s approval, I went to Special Branch to discuss with him the case of HEWIT. He informed me that he had turned down the enquiry requested by Foreign Office in the first instance, but had been persuaded that it was necessary to carry it out, and was accordingly proposing to see HEWIT. Until I corrected him, Mr. Burt was under the strong impression that HEWIT was of the same social class as the principals in this enquiry. This was probably an idea which sprung from the extreme delicacy of the enquiry and the care enjoined upon Mr. Burt at his conference between Foreign Office representatives and Sir Harold Scott, the Commissioner. Once he realised from our conversation that HEWIT was just an unpleasant working-class man, he did not feel that there would be any particular difficulty in handling him. I was able also to provide Mr. Burt with further information touching upon HEWIT's innate dishonesty and the details of his immoral background.

Burt asked whether M.I.5 could provide HEWIT's present address, and I promised to do what I could to discover it. He had not been provided with as much information as we possess to facilitate this particular enquiry.

Having had a discussion on the telephone with Mrs. BASSETT on the 19th September, I had become aware through her that HEWIT was back in London, and accordingly I spoke to her asking if she had any information as to his present whereabouts. She said that she did not know where he was living, but thought it extremely likely that either Anthony BLUNT or [Gordon] REES would be able to tell us where he is. She offered to make the enquiry for us, but I said that we could manage.

I spoke to the Courtauld Institute, only to discover that BLUNT is away in France and not expected back until the 30th September.

With the prior approval of Carey Foster, I telephoned David ORR, who had communicated with Evelyn SHUCKBURGH on the subject of HEWIT in May this year. I was unable to consult SHUCKBURGH for he is abroad with the Minister of State. David ORR, a director of FINDERS Ltd., explained that HEWIT had been one of their most efficient telephone operators and was a great acquisition to his company. They had been anxious to promote him and retain him in their service, but had discovered that he was thoroughly dishonest and he had departed from their employ without notice in the following circumstances. Amongst property missing from the company was a registered envelope containing Treasury notes. This letter had been signed for by HEWIT and his receipt was held by the G.P.O. The packet disappeared completely and Mr. ORR questioned HEWIT and sought to induce him to confess his guilt, offering to retain him in their service if he did so. HEWIT denied complicity in this or any other offence, and agreed that he was prepared to face a G.P.O. Investigation Service enquiry. He did not turn up for duty on the following day. This occurred some months ago, probably in June, since when Mr. ORR had heard nothing of HEWIT.

During a discussion with W/Cdr. Arnold, I discovered that he had a personal contact on a security basis, in connection with a current constructional contract at Harwell, with Mr. D. H. CARTER, director and general manager of WRIGHT HEADSON PROCESSES Ltd. Using Henry Arnold's name as a means of introduction, I spoke to Mr. CARTER and he informed me that HEWIT was discharged from the employment of his company about a year ago, together with another rogue named Michael WOOD, and he hoped that no-one in his company was sufficiently acquainted with either to have any information about their present whereabouts. Mr. CARTER had heard that Michael WOOD was in custody for some offence, but without going further he said that both had left the company in circumstances that would make it unlikely that either would apply to them for a reference.

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Having made these enquiries, there seemed to be but two chances left of discovering HEWIT's whereabouts. One would be to make a direct enquiry at the Union Jack Club, a place which he is known to have used in the past, and the other to enquire directly of his sister, Mrs. BECKETT of 23 Blackhorse Road, Mangotsfield, near Bristol, Gloucestershire. I spoke to Cdr. Burt and he proposed to have enquiries made at the Union Jack Club and if these failed to ask me to make enquiries through the police in Gloucestershire early next week.

It is perhaps worth while noting that we have as the result of this enquiry confirmed a good many details which have hitherto been matters rather of speculation. It is certain that Michael WOOD and HEWIT were jointly engaged in successfully blackmailing BLUNT until he stuck his toes in. I have little doubt that the "JENKINS" representing himself as from the press to Mrs. BASSETT is identical with Michael WOOD, and I think it more than likely that when HEWIT approached Fred WARNER *PF 604585* shortly before the anniversary of the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN, he was merely taking the first step in yet another blackmailing venture which might have been completed by the intervention of WOOD. One wonders whether Fred WARNER correctly reported the substance of his interview with HEWIT. If he did so, it is possible that the strength of his character, which I believe to be present, must have imposed itself upon HEWIT and discouraged him from making any blackmailing attempt in that case.

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Original in File No.:*.....P.F. 604,585 (WARNER)..... Serial: 41a. Vol:..... Receipt Date: 19.9.52.

Original from:.....British Embassy,..... Under Ref.: PF. 95. Dated: 16.9.52.
Washington.

Extracted on:.....18.12.52..... by: DEW Section: R.5.

Copy of letter from British Embassy, Washington, re the case of
Frederick WARNER, mentioning HEWITT.

Dear Ronnie.

The F.B.I. asked me today if I knew anything about a Fred WARNER,
alleged to be the son of our Ambassador to Belgium, and of any
connection between him, Anthony Blunt, Burgess and Hewitt.

According to their source, which they refused to divulge, but I
suspect is C.I.A., WARNER was linked with Blunt and Burgess in a
homosexual affair with Hewitt. I told them that, speaking from memory,
our Ambassador to Belgium was a bachelor, but I agreed to find out if
any Fred WARNER, presumably connected with the Foreign Office, was
known to us.

Can you please let me know the dirt, if any ?

Yours ever,

Geoffrey.

R.T. Reed, Esq.,
M.I.5.

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Original in: P.F. 604,585 (WARNER) Ser. 40a.

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Note:

Mr. Reilly rang me this morning to say that the Foreign Office, having agreed that Scotland Yard should make enquiries into the American story at 31a, the proposed use to be made of that document by the British Police had been referred back to Washington. No answer had as yet been received and Reilly wondered whether I could do anything to speed things up through Mr. DeBardleben.

I accordingly asked DeBardleben to call in, apprised him of the situation and received an assurance that, if a reply did not arrive today, he would send a chaser tomorrow morning.

D.B.
19.9.52. (signed) D.C. White.

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Note:

Mr. Burt called to see D.D.G. and myself this morning.

He said that he saw grave difficulties in carrying out the Foreign Office request to interview HEWITT. He pointed out that, in effect, they would be tackling HEWITT about allegations the knowledge of which depended on hearsay. The Commissioner subsequently invited us to Scotland Yard to discuss the matter further and we saw him together with Mr. Howe and Mr. Burt. After discussions it was agreed that Scotland Yard would have to point out to the Foreign Office the difficulties involved in the request made to them, but they would say that they were willing to conduct an enquiry into the whole series of allegations made against a member of the Foreign Service if they could do this in their own way, beginning with the origin of the evidence involved and moving, through the "Daily Express" correspondent, to HEWITT.

Scotland Yard propose to meet the Foreign Office to discuss this proposal this afternoon.

D.B.
8.9.52. (signed) D.G. White.

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18.12.52.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604,591 Name: HEWITT
 Original in File No.:* PF 604,585 (WARNER) Serial: 38a Vol: 1 Receipt Date: 8.9.52
 Original from: [REDACTED] Under Ref.: [REDACTED] Dated: 5.9.52
 Extracted on: 18.12.52 by: BL Section: R5

Copy of letter from [REDACTED] re BURGESS/MACLEAN case
 re WARNER and HEWITT.

Thank you for your letter of 26th. August 1952.

We are grateful to you for enabling us to see a copy of the story connected with the BURGESS/MACLEAN case enclosed in your letter.

Your letter has been passed to the F.O., where the matter has been considered at high level. I have been authroised to let your director know that the relation of F.A. WARNER (incidently he is not the son of Sir Christopher Warner, who is a bachelor) with BURGESS were examined from the security point of view by the Security Service in 1951. Their conclusion, which they have had no reason to alter, was that "there is nothing to be held against WARNER from the Security point of view". (WARNER states that he has never known MACLEAN).

Much of the "Daily Express" story about WARNER and BURGESS' letter to HEWITT had already reached the Foreign Office. They investigated it and then reached the conclusion that it was a fabrication. (There is good reason to think that the letter was, in fact, written

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In view of the more detailed allegations in the draft article, HEWITT's story is again being thoroughly investigated. I will write again when the result of this investigation is known.

sgd. [REDACTED]

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NOTE.

+Foreign Secretary
and Lord
Chancellor.

Reilly rang me this morning about this case. He told me that after discussions on a high level at the Foreign Office it had been decided that the Police should interrogate HEWIT in order to probe the allegations, of which he is the origin, against WARNER. To brief Scotland Yard, Reilly wished to provide Howe with the following documents:

1. The story received from the U.S.A. and our comments on it(31a and 33a).
2. De COURCY's allegations against WARNER(PF44242).
3. WARNER's account of his relations with BURGESS(4a).
4. Skardon's ~~inter~~rogation of WARNER (21a).
5. Carey Foster's interview with WARNER (26a).
6. The correspondence from WARNER to BURGESS found amongst the latter's possessions (2b).

I agreed that these documents should be shown to Scotland Yard, with the following provisions: I was not sure that there was any value in passing them our comments on the story from the U.S.A. but if the F.O. wished to do so, our comment on Page 1, para 3 of the U.S. document should be omitted.

I also made the following points to Reilly in connection with the interrogation of HEWIT:

- a) HEWIT is an hysterical individual who has already attempted to commit suicide. Scotland Yard might like to be reminded of this.
- b) There is a possibility that any such interrogation will become known to the press.

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D.G. White.

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I showed this document to the D.G. last night.

He told me that it was not the business of this Service to attempt to settle the question of the rightness or wrongness of the homosexual charges made against WARNER. In this connection he thought the Foreign Office would be well advised to consult Scotland Yard.

I showed the document to S.L.B. this morning. He was unable to whether or not a criminal charge was likely to rest against HEWITT on the basis of these papers. He thought the Foreign Office should be advised in the first place to consult Mr. Howe of Scotland Yard. He thought that there was an alternative method of dealing with the matter: namely, for WARNER's solicitors to take it up with HEWITT.

I passed the above advise to Reilly by telephone this morning.

D.B.
29.8.52.

D.G. White.

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18.12.52.

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PF. 604585/Y/D.B.

29th August, 1952.

I enclose some comments on the report by the U.S. journalist on the BURGESS-MACLEAN case which [redacted] received from his friends in the C.I.A.

These comments are confined to the purely factual matters contained in the report. You already know what advice the Security Service has to give so far as this document affects the case of Mr. WARNER.

D.P. Reilly, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Foreign Office.

R.5. DEW
18.12.52.

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"THE BURGESS/MACLEAN CASE" BY A U.S. JOURNALIST.

Page 1. para 1.

- a) Neither BURGESS nor MACLEAN has been identified by British Agents as being in Prague.
- b) The money involved was relayed to Mrs. DUNBAR, Mrs. MACLEAN's mother, (though admittedly intended for Mrs. MACLEAN). It was paid into the Swiss Banks concerned in cash, thus precluding any "tracing eastwards".

Page 1. para 3).

Surely the central theme of the affair BURGESS-MACLEAN was espionage and not homosexuality, but it is understandable that, without the secret facts known to the authorities, the press can be misled upon this point.

Page 2. para 2).

Passports were required by BURGESS and MACLEAN on the steamer to St. Malo which was running on a regular service. BURGESS and MACLEAN had their passports with them.

Page 2 para 3).

BURGESS was not as far as we know, constantly making pro-communist remarks.

Page 2. para 6).

HEWIT was certainly closely questioned after the disappearance of BURGESS and MACLEAN.

Page 2. para 8).

HEWIT may have "proceeded to spill a good deal more" to the 'Daily Express' than to the police, but the accuracy of his statements to the press is very much in question and he has probably deliberately misled them in some respects. Moreover, to judge from the information which the 'Daily Express' has published as a result of HEWIT's co-operation, the latter has told them nothing which was not already known to the Security Service.

Page 3. para 3).

BLUNT has told the Security service that the letter referred to was certainly written in about 1948 and that it referred to a disturbance in HEWIT's relations with BLUNT. It appears that the question arose whether BLUNT should see HEWIT or avoid him completely. BLUNT thought that the "Fred" stated by the 'Daily Express' to be the word under erasure might refer to Fred WARNER. BLUNT also felt confident that HEWIT had deliberately misled the 'Daily Express' about the context and the date of the letter.

Page 4. para 2).

It is far from true that the Foreign Office refused to entertain doubts as to WARNER's loyalty. As a result of enquiries made by the Security Service from a review of the evidence disclosed in connection with BURGESS and MACLEAN, the Security Service concluded that there was nothing to be held against WARNER from the Security point of view. They could not however, express a view upon his possible homosexuality.

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Page 4 penultimate para.

MACLEAN can hardly said to be linked to Jack HEWIT. Ther is no evidence in the Security Service files to show that the two were acquainted.

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 Copies:- PF.pp.16,823
 PF.604,591 (HEWIT)
 PF.604,585 (WARNER)

NOTE:-

Interview with [redacted] 8.8.52.

At about 6 p.m. on 8.8.52. [redacted] having obtained the telephone number of this office from Mr. Cavendish Bentinck, telephoned Mr. Hollis and asked if he could see someone from this Service. D.C. asked me to get into touch with him.

I telephoned the Daily Express office and, using my own name, spoke to [redacted] and asked if I could meet him at 6.10 at the Lansdowne Club. I had time for a very brief look at [redacted] PF before going to see him with Mr. Burbidge, who was introduced to him as Burlington.

What [redacted] had to say was as follows. He prefaced it by asking for my assurance that the whole of our conversation should be treated as "off the record". I gave him this assurance, adding that I wished indeed to underline the "off the record" nature of our talk from our own point of view. He said that he fully understood. He then said that he had been put on to the BURGESS and MACLEAN affair by his editor. He felt himself at something of a loss as to where to begin, but thought that there were two possible fruitful lines of enquiry. The first of these, which he had discarded as being too difficult, was to follow up the reports and rumours to the effect that £1,000 had been paid to the MACLEAN family, the payment having originated from Prague. The second concerned Fred WARNER. The Daily Express, he said, had information that WARNER had written to BURGESS on May 23rd 1951 in connection with an arrangement for an urgent meeting with BURGESS at about that date. This letter had fallen into the hands of HEWIT after BURGESS' disappearance and HEWIT had got into touch with WARNER offering to trade the letter for one in WARNER's possession - in fact the letter later published by the Daily Express in which a reference to "Fred" (WARNER) was blacked out. The Daily Express considered that there was something suspicious in this connection between WARNER and BURGESS. They had, moreover, learnt that WARNER, now said to be in the German Section of the Foreign Office, was about to leave for a continental holiday to-day (9.8.52.). The Daily Express intended to follow WARNER on the continent. When, however, [redacted] had mentioned this to Cavendish Bentinck, Bentinck had suggested that [redacted] would do well to get in touch with the Security authorities in order to make sure that, in trailing WARNER, the Daily Express would not be crossing lines with the intelligence authorities in any way.

[redacted] also hinted at the possibility of "collaboration" between his paper and ourselves, suggesting that each might help the other in matters such as that which he had just mentioned.

I thanked him for the information which he had given us, but added that I had no alternative than to make it clear that any collaboration between us must necessarily be entirely one sided. We would much appreciate any information which he or his paper might be able to give us bearing upon national security matters, but the flow of information would be entirely one sided. He said he understood this.

With regard to the first of [redacted] proposed lines of enquiry (Prague), I made no comment apart from an implied agreement that he was right in regarding it as too difficult. As far as Fred WARNER was concerned, I told him that I would like a little time to think his proposal over.

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He wanted to catch a train to the country at 7.36; I said that I would give him a decision by 7.0 p.m.

I reported the position to D.C., and recommended that I should tell [redacted] that I was not in a position to give him any hint as to whether or not we regarded WARNER with suspicion; nevertheless I could tell him that if the Daily Express chose to "trail" WARNER on the continent, this could do no damage to our interests. Moreover, if it produced any results, we should be only too glad to know of them. D.C. agreed and I informed DELMER accordingly.

My impression of [redacted] was that he is trustworthy and that any undertaking by him to treat ^{on an} the conversation "off the record" basis would be duly honoured. He is a wordly, shrewd, suave individual with considerable charm. From a quick impression, it is not difficult to understand the success he has achieved as a journalist. Treated cautiously, I think he might on occasion prove a very useful contact for the office.

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29th July, 1952.

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Commander,
Special Branch.

Please refer to your unreferenced letter of 24th July 1952, concerning Mr. H.C.C. COX of Meadway, N.W.11, and referring incidentally to Guy BURGESS.

There seems little doubt from the description which COX gives of the person described as BURGESS' friend that the latter is John Park HEWIT known as Jackie HEWIT. HEWIT was employed in April of this year at the Finders Agency, which we understand provides a night telephone service for doctors, actors, etc. So far as we know HEWIT is still employed by this company.

We should not be surprised to find that HEWIT had, as suggested by COX, stolen a sum of money from the firm in question. In so far as the information that he had a return ticket to Paris and had formerly lived with Guy BURGESS is concerned, it is quite possible that HEWIT had in mind a visit to Paris (he has done so before since the disappearance of the two diplomats), while it is perfectly true that he was sharing a flat with Guy BURGESS when the latter left the country.

It occurs to us, however, that the alleged visit to Paris which COX has heard at second hand may be a garbled version of the press reports of about a year ago when HEWIT, on funds provided by a national newspaper, went to Paris allegedly to search for BURGESS.

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A.F. Burbidge.

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8 P.A. H. Jack Hewitt

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Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

SUBJECT

CALLER.

Reference to Papers

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26 JUL 1952

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At 10.15 p.m. on 22.7.52 Mr H.C.C. COX of 20, Meadway Court, Meadway, N.W.11, called at this office and gave the following information:

28/7 Last Tuesday, 15th July, caller said he was engaged as a trainee telephone operator at Finders Ltd., telephone answering service, 114, Wigmore Street, W.1. Also employed at this company as a telephone operator is a young man, age about 25, whom he described as an anarchist, but whose name he did not know.

On Saturday evening, 19th. July, whilst having a few drinks in a public house with this person, he told COX that another telephone operator (whose name he did not know) had earlier that day stolen a sum of money (believed about £5) from the firm. The 'anarchist' said that he knew this person had a return ticket to Paris and had formerly lived with Guy Francis de Money BURGESS, at the time the latter had disappeared with the former Foreign Office official, Donald Duart MACLEAN. The 'anarchist' further added that it was his opinion that BURGESS was now in Paris and that his friend intended to join him there.

Caller stated that he had seen the person believed to be BURGESS' friend and described him as follows:-

Age about 30, height 5'7", stoutish build, complexion fresh, may have small moustache, hair black, wears rimless spectacles, nervous disposition.

COX was unable to vouch for the truth of his information, and did not know whether the theft of the money had been reported to police. Although he appeared to have been drinking, he was not drunk and appeared in possession of his faculties. In view of the possible connection with the BURGESS-MACLEAN case caller said he thought police should be informed.

In the attention of Mr. Bondridge

This is probably Jackie Hewitt

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Caller, at first, was loth to give his name and address, since, if enquiries were made at the firm where he was working, he might lose his job. He stated his willingness to assist further in the matter, if he was able to do so, but requested that he be contacted at the National Club, 12, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1., between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. during the next few days.

A search of Special Branch records failed to reveal any trace of COX or Finders Ltd. Guy BURGESS is the subject of S.B. file 371/51/80.

Enquiries of the station officer at Marylebone Lane Police Station showed that no theft at Finders Ltd. was recorded in the crime book there.

At 5 p.m. to-day a telegram (submitted herewith) was received at this office from COX, which reads:-

"Now clear to me you did not believe a word of what I told you Tuesday night, which is too bad, as it happens to be true. Am now gone to Fleet Street to spring the story - COX".

G. French.
Sergeant.

Submitted,

Chief Inspector.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

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Original in: P.F. 39,680.
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B.1.F. Source Report.

27.6.52.

Just recently source was in conversation with some Fleet Street journalists, when the talk turned on the Daily Express story about BURGESS and MACLEAN. Someone present stated that the person providing the information to the Express was John HEWETT, who apparently works from Paris.

Source recollects that a few years ago during the war, Peter SMOLLETT, alias SMOLKA, used to claim as a very good friend of his one John HEWETT. SMOLLETT is now believed to be working in the Soviet Zone in Austria.

Source wonders whether there is still some talk between SMOLLETT and HEWETT.

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10.7.52

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P. 62251/D.D.

19th June, 1952.

Copy on: PF. 604591. HEWITT.

Dear Carey Foster,

Many thanks for sending me the "Daily Express" story about FUCHS. Since receiving Barrymaine's version other versions have been coming in which vary in several important respects from his. To my mind, the likelihood that whoever claimed to the "Daily Express" to be a barber at Fentonville is an imposter. I have passed all the information we have acquired to the Home Office who are most anxious to clear the whole matter up.

As regards the project Barrymaine puts forward in the second half of your letter of 14th June, I do not believe it would be a good idea to turn an American journalist loose on Hewitt. Hewitt is extremely unstable and neurotic and there are no bounds to what new rumours he might start if interviewed by an American journalist, particularly if the latter offered him any money.

Yours sincerely

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G. A. Carey Foster, Esq., C.M.G.,
D.P.C., A.P.C.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Hewitt, P.T.

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Extract for File No.: PF.604591 Name: HEWITT.

Original in File No.: PF.62251 ← original Serial: Receipt Date: 16.6.52.

Original from: Foreign Office Under Ref.: Dated: 14.6.52.

Extracted on: 20.6.52. by: MPS. Section: DB.

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Barrymaine told me that he is pretty certain that both the "Daily Express" and "Time and Life" have now decided to drop Hewitt's story about [Warner]. He advised "Time and Life" not to touch it as it had no official backing. Barrymaine then suggested that he had thought it might be very interesting to have Hewitt interviewed by an American newspaperman from "Time and Life". The basis of the interview would be solely on the published information about the letter in the "Daily Express". The interviewer would not know the true facts. Barrymaine thought he could arrange this if we thought it would be helpful. The outcome of the interview would not be for publication. I said I thought the suggestion was of interest and I would let him know whether we would like to take advantage of it. Hewitt might, of course, not agree to talk as he is apparently being paid a retainer by the "Daily Express", but Barrymaine thought that an American newspaperman might make a very shrewd summing-up of Hewitt if he had anything further to say than what was in the press.

I do not know what you think of this but if you see anything in it would you very kindly let me know Hewitt's address.

Yours sincerely,

G.A. Carey Foster.

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called on me on 5.6.52.
 He said that Colonel Betts had been approached by a high-grade representative of "Time" and "Life" who contemplated writing an article for his paper on certain implications of the BURGESS/MACLEAN affair. He is taking as his text the portion of a letter written by BURGESS which appeared in the Daily Express on Monday, May 26th. He seemed to know that the individual named 'Fred' was a Foreign Office official. He asked Colonel Betts whether his proposed action would in any way be embarrassing to the Embassy, although he did not know whether, if he wrote such a story, his paper would necessarily accept it. Colonel Betts, I gather, said something about getting his facts right, and had, I think, hinted at the possibility of the representative of "Time" and "Life" getting departmental guidance either from us or from the Foreign Office.

I told that if this journalist had asked whether his proposed action would embarrass the Embassy, it seemed to me that there was a fairly straight answer. Were he to publish an article stressing the security or the homosexual aspect, it could only result in creating a false impression that security in this country is bad and that the Civil Service is riddled with homosexuals, and such an impression would certainly not be conducive to good relations between Britain and America. If the correspondent still wished to write his article, he might be told that he would do well to get his facts correct, and that if he were starting with the letter published in the Express he would notice that it was torn from its context and might, therefore, have no bearing on the case whatever.

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I made it clear to _____ that there could be no question of our giving this correspondent any guidance, since we had no contact with the Press. I doubted, too, whether the Foreign Office would wish to discuss the case.

I passed the gist of this conversation to Patrick Reilly at the J.I.C. on Friday, and also to Carey Foster on the telephone.

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D.D.G.
9.6.52.

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Mr. D.G. White,
Security Services.

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(Mr. Shuckburgh)

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Foreign Office, S.W.1.
4th June, 1952.

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4th June, 1952.

CONFIDENTIAL

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th May about Mr. John Hewitt. It has been shown to the authorities concerned, who appreciate very much your action in writing to the Foreign Office.

It is true that Hewitt shared a flat with Burgess until the latter's disappearance. We also believe it to be true that the letter recently published by the "Daily Express" was written by Burgess to Hewitt. We do not, however, know how it came into the possession of the "Daily Express."

The authorities concerned know where Hewitt is working and can get in touch with him if they want to do so. They think that there is no reason why you should not continue to employ him. So far as we are concerned therefore you may certainly leave him alone!

If you want to get in touch with us again about this, could you write to Patrick Reilly, whom you may remember, and who deals with this sort of thing here?

With many thanks again.

David Orr Esq.

C. A. E. SHUCKBURGH

Handwritten:
BRS
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copy. Windsor 468.

26th May, 1952.

From David Orr,
41 Frances Road,
Windsor.

Dear Evelyn,

You will be surprised at receiving a letter from me, and I apologise for taking up your time. I have however a small matter on my mind, which I think can best be treated by my writing to you. I do not know who else in the F.O. to approach about it, but if I write to you, you will no doubt pass it to the appropriate official and then perhaps you will be so kind as to let me have a word from you to tell me whether I need have any more concern.

In the employment of a company of which I am a director is a man who gives every satisfaction. He is one of the best men at his job, and I make it a rule not to pry into the lives of employees when they are not at their work: I am only concerned with whether or not they conduct themselves well while at work. This particular man has been through a great deal of private worry, but since he came to us not long ago he has been good and shows promise of developing into a most useful member of our organization. It would be from my point-of-view a tragedy if I were to bring more trouble upon his head. He is loyal to me at his work, and I try to be loyal to him as his employer, but there are greater loyalties than those of business and I feel that I must be sure that I am not hiding anyone who is sought by your people.

This man's name is John Hewitt. It is alleged by him that at one time he shared a flat with Burgess. He also alleges that the letter which

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appeared in to-day's "Daily Express" was written by Burgess to him. He says that he wishes he had taken it to the police at the time of his receipt, but that he threw it away undestroyed and that he thinks the charwoman in the flat fished it out of the waste-paper-basket and sold it to the Press. He says that he has no idea where Burgess is.

Now this story may be no more than the workings of a fevered imagination. The man may be off his rocker. If so, I am sorry. He says too that he was closely questioned some time ago by the authorities and that they were satisfied that he is clear of all suspicion. Is he telling the truth, please? Or are your people by any chance looking for him?

I want him to remain undisturbed at his work which he likes and which has obviously given him a new interest in life: in fact I think that he will turn out very well if he can just be left alone. May I leave him alone, please? He does not know that I have written this and I only do so because of the danger that I am harbouring someone for whom you are looking.

(Signed) Yours,

David.

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EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604,591 Name: HEWITT, Jack

Original in File No.: PF 604,585 Serial: 26a Vol: 1 Receipt Date: 5.6.52.

Original from: F.O. Under Ref.: - Dated: 29.5.52.

Extracted on: 9.6.52. by: BL Section: B3

Copy of a Copy of a letter from the F.O. to Mr. Reilly re WARNER, Fred.
mentioning HEWITT.

Mr. J. Barrymaine of I.R.D., but recently diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Express, told me the following story which he had obtained from his contacts with that paper. A Mr. Jack WYATT, a friend of BURGESS' had told the Daily Express that he learnt that BURGESS left a letter for him, just before he disappeared, with Mr. Fred WARNER. WYATT stated that he induced Mr. WARNER to give up this letter because he held a letter from Mr. WARNER to himself which he promised to make public unless Mr. WARNER gave him the letter from BURGESS. WYATT said that Mr. WARNER's letter would damage the latter's reputation. Mr. WARNER accordingly agreed but before handing over the letter scratched out his name in it.

2. The Daily Express had intended to publish this story at the same time as they published the letter but had refrained from doing so on the advice of their legal advisers. This story is apparently one of the reasons for the Daily Express build-up of their forthcoming articles. The Daily Express, who have sold to foreign press agencies the rights to copy their articles on the MACLEAN and BURGESS affair for large sums of money, were now receiving complaints that the substance of their articles did not come up to expectations and they were therefore seriously searching for better material. Therewas, therefore, a risk that this story would still be published.

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3. I consulted Mr. White of the Security Service and we both agreed that this story did not ring true. Neither did it agree with the Security Service's information. I suggested that the best course would be for me to interview Mr. WARNER to obtain the facts after having consulted Mr. Hooper. I saw Mr. WARNER this morning.

4. I asked WARNER if he knew a Mr. Jack WYATT. Mr. WARNER denied any knowledge of WYATT nor could he remember having heard the name during the time he was friendly with BURGESS. I then told Mr. WARNER the story and he categorically denied having been given a letter by BURGESS for WYATT and that so far as he was aware he had never seen before the letter that was published. Before ending the interview I asked Mr. WARNER if he would mind answering one more difficult question. I told him that there had naturally been some speculation that he indulged in the same type of practices as BURGESS was known to have indulged in. Could he tell me whether this was so or not? Mr. WARNER said he could assure me absolutely positively that he had never indulged in similar practices.

5. I have asked Mr. Barrymaine to drop an unofficial hint to his contacts in the Daily Express that the story they told him is completely untrue and that they would be very ill-advised to publish it. Mr. Barrymaine said that he would see what he could do.

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6. Since dictating the above Mr. White of the Security Service has rung me up again. He states that they cannot identify Mr. WYATT and suggest that it is a mistake for Mr. HEWITT the friend with whom BURGESS shared a flat. I therefore spoke to Mr. WARNER again. He states that while of course he knows Mr. HEWITT slightly the rest of his answers stand, namely that the story in the possession of the Daily Express is quite untrue.

Mr. Reilly.

Sgd. G.A. Carey Foster.
29th. May 1952.

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